

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 2026



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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Walsburg Guitarist

Ruthie Stone

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(the latest newsletter is posted here)
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Olsburg-Lutheran-Church-ELCA>

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Ministry assistants for August

Olsburg Usher and Receive offering: Nick & Mary Alice Cooper; Jan Cooper; Ashley Rice

Olsburg Communion Assistants: 8/30 Coleen Esping

***Olsburg Acolytes:** 8/23 Ushers; 8/30 Ushers

***Olsburg Lay Readers:** 8/23 April Brenner; 8/30 Tom Nelson

Walsburg Ushers and Greeters: Brad & Dena Haller; Jane Larson; Linda Toomire

***Walsburg Communion Ushers:** Trever Berry; Dennis Peterson

***Walsburg Lay Readers:** 8/23 Mason Scofield; 8/30 Lindsay Shorter

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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**

Gather Us In

ELW 532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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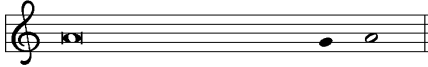
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*GREETING

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



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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.



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.



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



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

C: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C:Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because
of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.**

You will make good your purpose for me;
**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

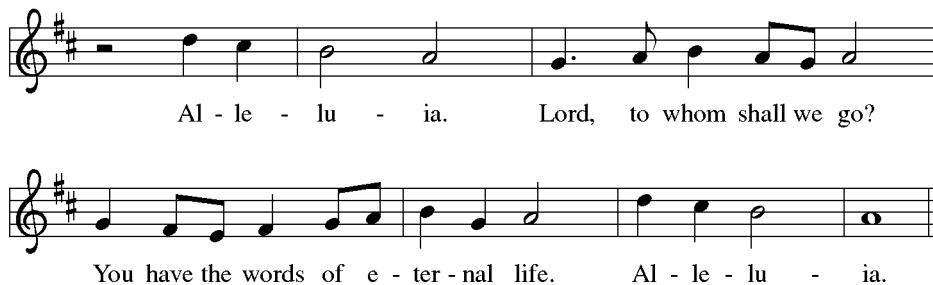
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ

according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

***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

We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

Music: Dwight Liles

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OFFERING
PM***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.

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

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG**

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Tom Nelson, for leading worship today! We thank Jordan Pfeifer, Camp Tomah Shinga, for sharing a sermon with us today!

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.

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.

Olsburg women are invited to Walsburg's *WELCA Ladies Guest Brunch* on Saturday, September 12, beginning with registration at 9:00 a.m. Following the meal, Loretta Hoerman will present "Walking with Walsburg's Ancestors - a trip to Southern Sweden." More information to come. RSVP by Sunday, September 6, by text or call to Jane Larson, 785-293-2168.

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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Please join us this evening for the Walsburg Annual Ice Cream Social from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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: Last week the hall basket was overflowing with wonderful donations! Thank you so much for all of your continued support! We have served between 23-29 families each Saturday morning of August which is a significant increase. September is Walsburg's month to host the pantry so I will be looking for a volunteer to assist me on September 5, 19 and 26. 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...and plastic bags! Thanks! Rhonda

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**Rural Riley County Community Foundation Match Day
August 27-28, 2026. It holds incredible opportunity for nonprofit
agencies with funds at the Rural Riley County
Community Foundation.**

Gifts between \$25 & \$1,500 per person per organization will be eligible for a 50% match until matching funds are depleted. For example, if a donor gives a \$1,500 gift to a participating fund during match day, they are eligible to receive a 50% match of \$750.

In Person:

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2026

Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Place: Riley County High School, 12451 Fairview Church Rd, Riley, KS 66531. *A free meal will be served that evening.*

AND

Date: Friday, August 28, 2026

Time: 7:00am - 4:00pm

Place: Riley County High School, 12451 Fairview Church Rd, Riley, KS 66531