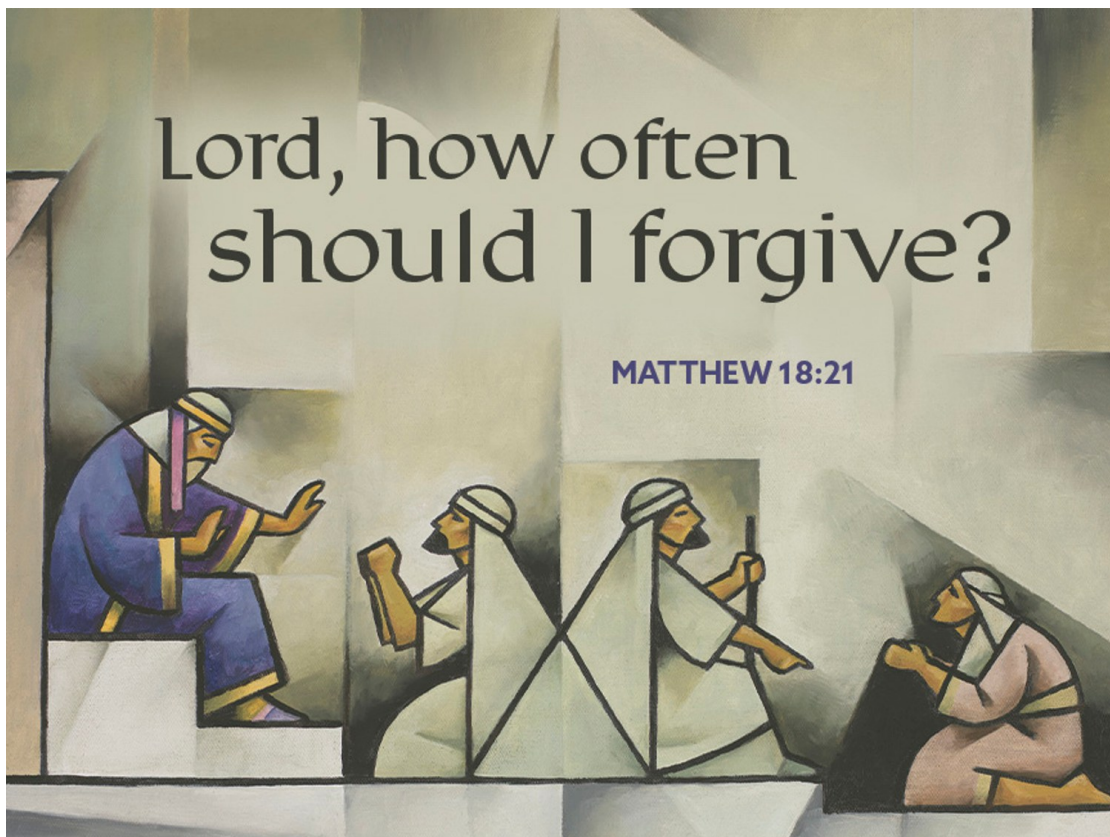


OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 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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Olsburg Usher and Receive offering: Jarin & April Brenner; Lee Cantrell

Olsburg Communion Assistants: 9/20 Kristi Fponce

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***Olsburg Lay Readers:** 9/13 Jacob Nelson; 9/20 Patty Nelson; 8/27 Ashley Rice

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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 pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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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;



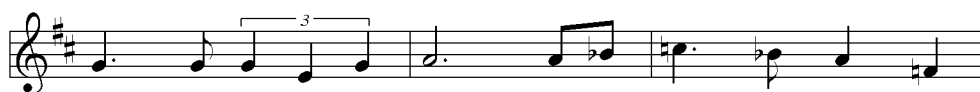
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God, merciful judge,

C: you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 103: [1-7] 8-13

[Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.]

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.”
So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

***GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he

refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW 588**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

*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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

P: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and
whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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 as follows:

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, 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 voice-es, 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: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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: The God of grace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



1 He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the



whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world



in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

5 He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

6 He's got everybody here in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Jan Cooper, Parish Ministry Associate, for leading worship today!

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.

Today is God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

Anyone who is willing is invited to stay after worship for a few minutes to help attach cords to the school bags for the LWR school kits.

On Tuesday, September 15th at 9:00 am we will be packing the bags with the items that have been donated. All help is welcome and appreciated!

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold a Chicken BBQ and ice cream social on Sunday, September 20. Serving from 12 noon-1:30 p.m.. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for ice cream and desserts. We hope you can join us!

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.

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

Pulpit supply list for September

September 20, 2026 Pastor Kevin Clark

September 27, 2026 Jan Cooper

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Pulpit supply list for September

September 20, 2026 Pastor Kevin Clark

September 27, 2026 Alicia Scofield

The September WELCA project is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Hygiene Kits. Every kit we make will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need. There is a collection box in the Narthex and we will receive the Noisy Offering to purchase extra items on Sunday, September 27. Thank you!

- One light-weight, bath-size towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"); dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap (8-9 oz) any brand in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (we can also use multi-packs)
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers (file optional)

Sunday School resumed today.

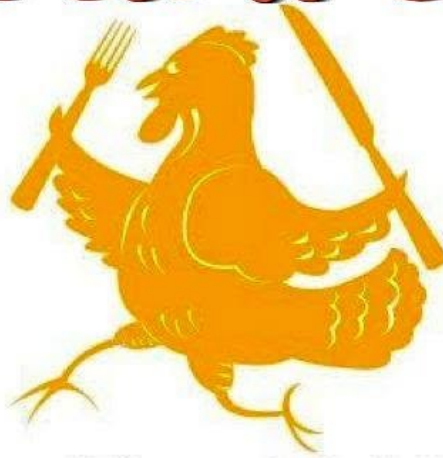
Monthly "Gather" Bible Study will meet Wednesday, September 16. Quilting will begin at 10:00 A.M.. Bible Study begins at 1:30 P.M.. Leader will be Shared Bible Study. Hostess will be Rita Nelson

A Quilting Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23. We will start at 9:00 A.M. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Please bring a snack to share and your sack lunch.

Food Basket Shopping List: clothes soap, dish soap, dry spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, creamy peanut butter, jelly (grape/strawberry), macaroni, noodles, applesauce cups or jars, pancake mix and syrup, kids cereal (Fruit Loops, Fruity or Cocoa Pebbles, Lucky Charms) and plastic bags! September is Walsburg's month to host. We served 20 families last week. My sincere gratitude to everyone for your continued support! Rhonda

Olsburg Lutheran Church

chicken BBQ Dinner & Ice Cream Social



- ★ September 20 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- ★ Olsburg Lutheran Church lawn
- ★ Free-will donation



Thanks to Thrivent for supporting this event!