

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 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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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.

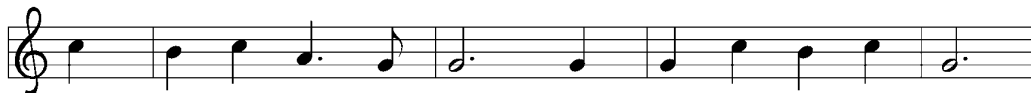
P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

***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;



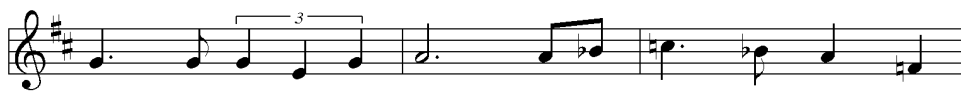
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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: Sovereign God,

C: raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 96:1-9 [10-13]

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peoples with equity.**"

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
**let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that is therein.**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O
LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.]

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 22:15-22

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of our God

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

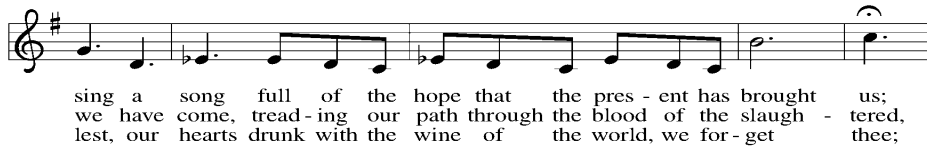
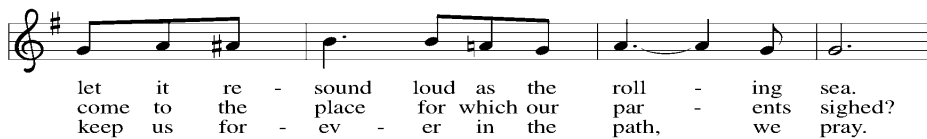
SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841

Lift Every Voice and Sing



***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: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

P: Hear us, O, God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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

*OFFERING SONG

Here Is Bread

ELW 483



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: God of creation,

C: 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.

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.

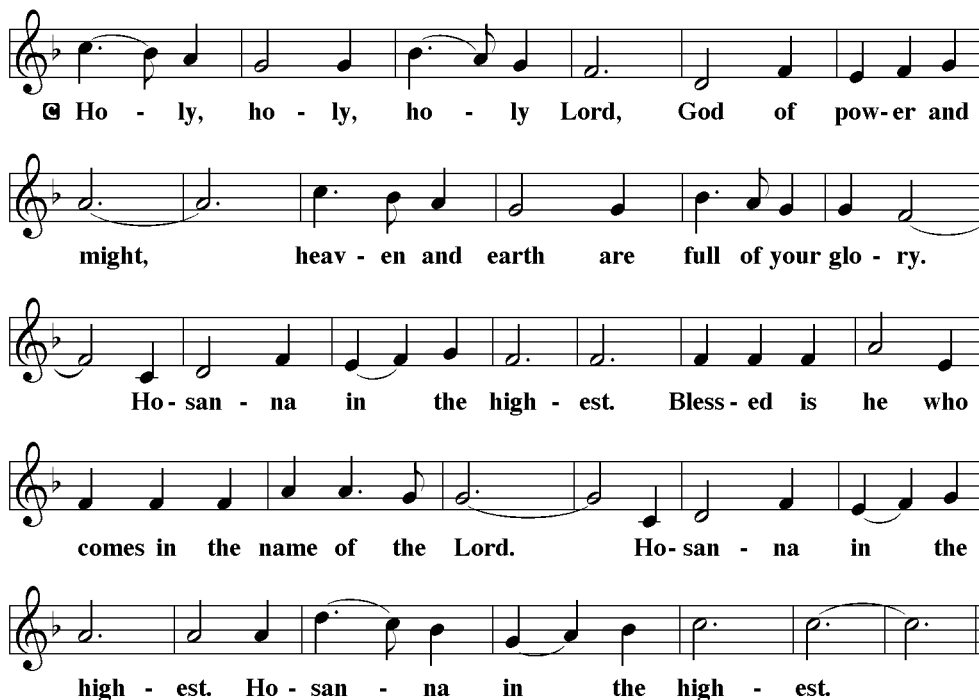
C: **We lift them to God.**

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**



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,

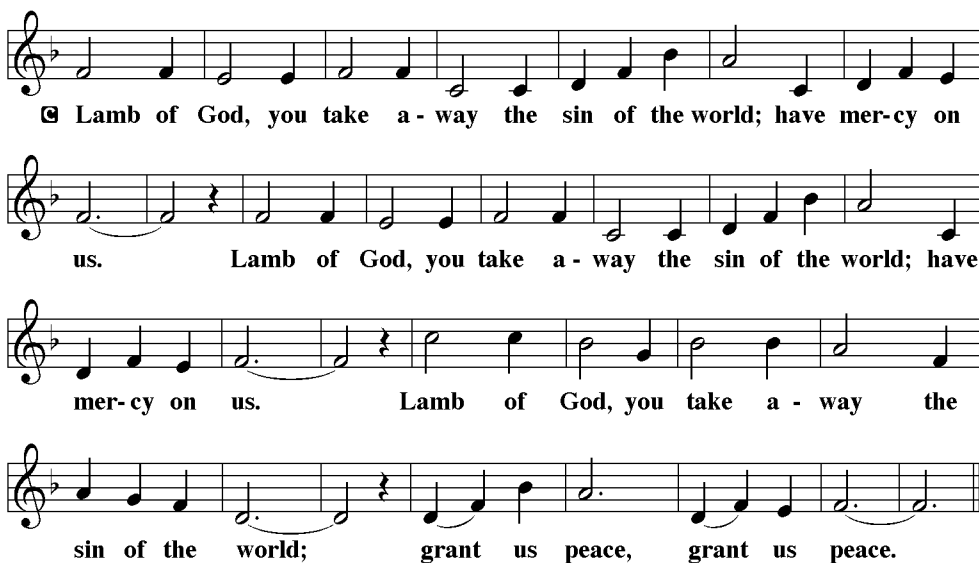
thy will be done,

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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come!

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.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Sustaining God,

C: with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The God of Grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG Lead On, O King Eternal**

ELW 805

Lead On, O King Eternal!



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
- 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Pastor Janice Hawley, ELCA Retired Pastor, for leading worship today!

We will be celebrating Reformation next Sunday, October 25th. All are invited to wear Red next Sunday to our worship service.

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold elections with a Special Congregational meeting, Sunday, October 25, immediately following worship. Please make plans to attend worship and stay for the elections.

All are invited to our Fellowship breakfast next Sunday, October 25th. The Outreach and Fellowship Committee will provide the food and drink. Hope to see you there!

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.

GriefShare sessions begin schedule.

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

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Pulpit supply list for October

10/25 Jan Cooper/Tom Nelson

The annual Swedish Supper will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2026. Ticket information has been posted on the church Facebook page, as well as our web site. Stay tuned for food and work assignments that will be distributed in the next couple of weeks by council members.

Walsburg Announcements

We thank Pastor Janice Hawley, ELCA Retired Pastor, for leading worship today!

We are having a training session by Riley County EMS for the new AED on TODAY following worship service. All members are welcome to attend.

We will be celebrating Reformation next Sunday, October 25th. All are invited to wear Red next Sunday to our worship service.

Walsburg will hold elections with a Special Congregational meeting on October 25, immediately following worship. Following the elections, please stay for the Pastor Appreciation potluck meal in Memorial Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

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.

Pulpit supply list for October

10/25 Alicia Scofield/Jan Cooper

Walsburg is collecting for the Blessing Box located in Leonardville for the month of October. You may leave non-perishable items in the basket in the narthex. Items to include are canned goods, boxed goods and personal hygiene items. For more information contact Vern Bulk.

The October WELCA project is LightMHK. Their mission is to support the lives of people affected by mental health challenges. In pursuit of this mission, they offer resource opportunities to mental health providers, professionals, and community projects in the Greater Manhattan area, including Wamego and Junction City. The *Noisy Offering* for LightMHK will be received on Sunday, October 25.

All are welcome to join the WELCA gals on Wednesday, October 21, at 9:00 a.m. to help pack quilt and kit boxes for shipping to Lutheran World

Relief. This is an all day project, so bring a sack lunch. Or, come and go as your schedule allows. The packed boxes will be taken to Salina the next day for the Ingathering. (NOTE: This takes the place of the October "Gather" Bible Study.) "Many hands make light work!" Come join us!

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will be held Thursday, October 22 at St. John's Lutheran, 302 S. 7th, Salina, KS 9:00 A.M. — Noon.

A Quilting Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. Please bring a snack to share and your sack lunch.