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Service of Prayer and Preaching

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



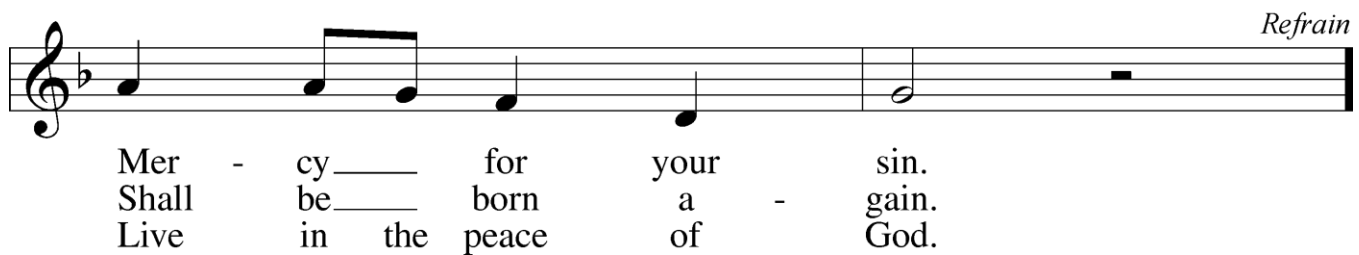
Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



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Baptism

LSB 268

Opening Versicles

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle *LSB 261*

Refrain



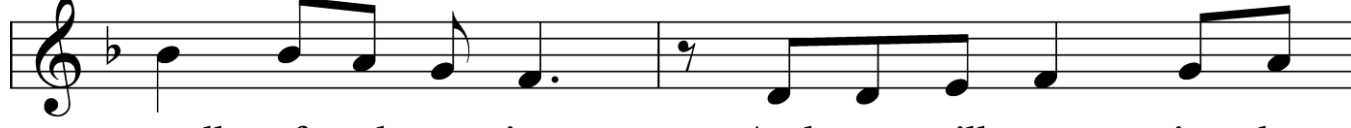
☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Introit

Psalm 103:15-19; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
 for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
 and its place knows | it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,
 to those who keep his | covenant*
 and remember to do his com- | mandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 55.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L A reading from Romans, chapter 8.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 13.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and

immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn of the Day

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**☐ 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.**

The Fourth Petition

What is the fourth petition?

Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Sermon Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Offering

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

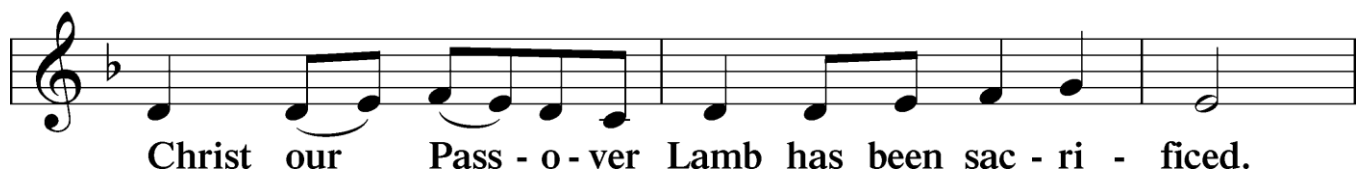
New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; fellowship following service
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday: Elders, 7pm
Wednesday: Bible Study, 10am
Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	7/12/26	7/19/26
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Neil Rieches
Organist	Benny Verswijver	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Neil and Courtney Rieches	Patrick and Dawn Teig
Sound Board	Dean Lingley	Kendra Morts
Greeters	Justin and Jan Lavick	Dean and Laurie Lingley
Usher	Jake Harms	Jake Harms
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITS WITH PASTOR AND FAMILY: Pastor Minton has been serving OSLC since February 2021. He celebrated 19 yrs in the ministry last month. This summer is a great time to reconnect with Pastor or get to know him better. Visit with him and share your joys and concerns about his time at OSLC. Call to set a time.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin a new study on August 18th. We will begin Pew Sisters by Katie Schuerman. Pew Sisters is a 12-session Bible study for women, sharing 12 different stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. The goal of this study is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Every woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life, and women love nothing more than to hear a good story and to delight in the sisterhood of believers. Price of the book is \$12. Let Renee know by August 2nd that you will be joining us.

2026 LAWN MOWING: Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. This is an excellent service project for the youth of the congregation. Thank you for continuing to support and help your church. This helps our yearly budget.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING will be Sunday, July 26 following service. The date has been pushed back due to the Iroquois County Fair. Please submit any new business to Renee by Monday, July 20 for the council to approve.

COUNCIL MEETING will be Thursday, July 23 at 7pm.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: We will have treats and coffee in the fellowship hall this summer following service. Join us to visit before heading home for your week. And, we will always accept treats.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Gary Toelstede will be held Saturday, July 18 at the Milford Fire Station from 1p – 4pm.

WE WELCOME MILLER MATTHEW MOORE as a member of OSLC this morning through the waters of Holy Baptism. Miller is the infant son of Corey and Jenna Moore and grandson of Kevin and Kasey Moore. Jaycie Moore is the proud Big Sister! Please welcome Miller to our church family this morning.

IONE HARMS, previous member of OSLC, was called to glory on June 26, 2026. She was given Christian burial on July 2. If you would like to read her obituary and reach out to her family, you can find that on our Facebook page.

LCMS SYNODICAL CONVENTION will be held from July 18 to 23, 2026 in downtown Phoenix. The Synod will gather under the convention theme, “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22: “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” Rev. Matthew Harrison was elected as the Synodical President. Our circuit delegates are Rev. Aaron Uphoff (Calvary, Watseka) and Jake Harms (OSLC). Please keep our delegates in your prayers as they travel and help decide the National and Global business of the LCMS.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE “Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn’t mean we’re useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know.” *Grace MacPherson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Connie Hartley	Monday
Charlotte Ruetter	Tuesday
Karry Hines	Thursday
Ethan Morts	Thursday
Isaac Brown	Friday
Gretchen Brown	Saturday
Mary Kamin	Saturday
Bob Storm	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Rik Anderson, son of Erica Anderson
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother-in-law of Dennis Selk
Sally Parmenter, friend of Olivia Harms
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Marc Avila, cousin of Patty Bruens, alzheimers progression
Jackie Warren, nephew of Ethel Lucht, health issues

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of lone Harms, friend to several at OSLC, given Christian burial July 2, 2026.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes
Mary Kamin
Joann Sloan
Julie Towers

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Eric Barrie - brother-in-law of Natalee Dart, serving in the U.S. Navy
Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy
Corey Moore - serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves
Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: St. Paul, Shobonier as they continue in the call process.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Calvary, Watseka and Aaron Uphoff her pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Pastor-Elect Simon Niemtschk, Trinity, Alamogordo, NM.
Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

