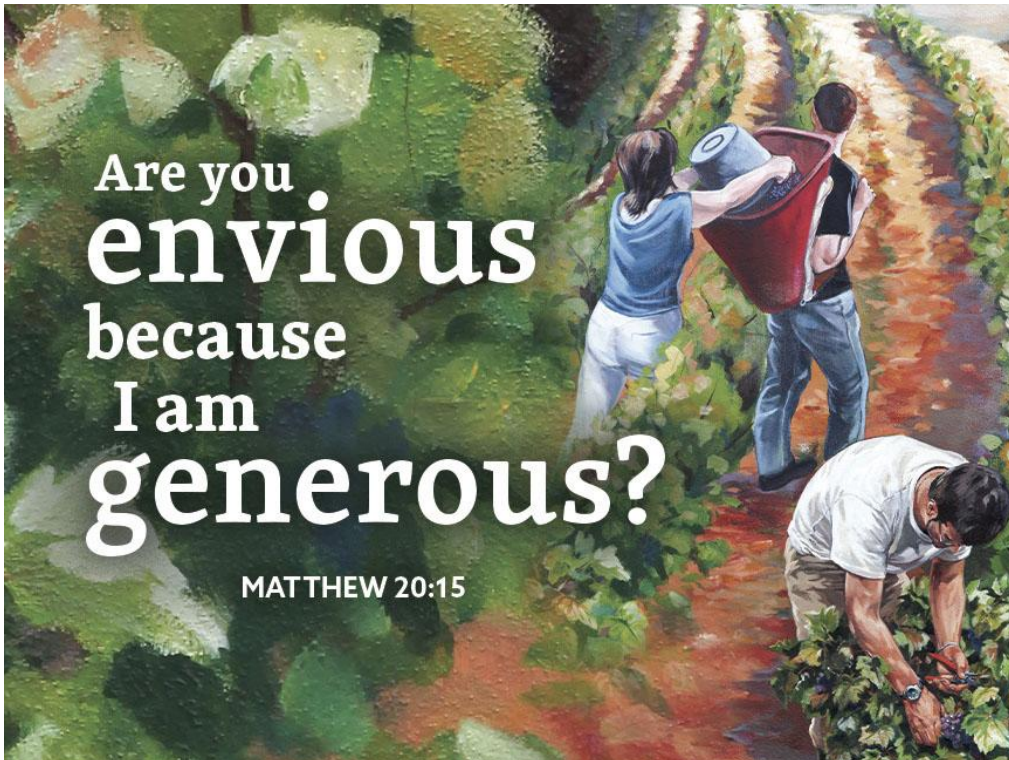


OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 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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Rhonda Baer

Walsburg Guitarist

Ruthie Stone

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Olsburg Communion Assistants: 9/20 Kristi Fronce

***Olsburg Acolytes:** 9/20 Ushers; 9/27 Ushers

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

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YOU ARE WELCOME AMONG US! Whether this is your first time worshipping 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** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **ELW 834**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

*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;



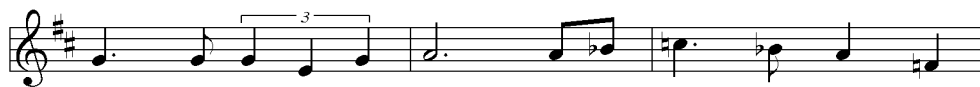
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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: Almighty and eternal God,

C: you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment,

and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10—4:11

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 145:1-8

I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know

that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*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

***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.

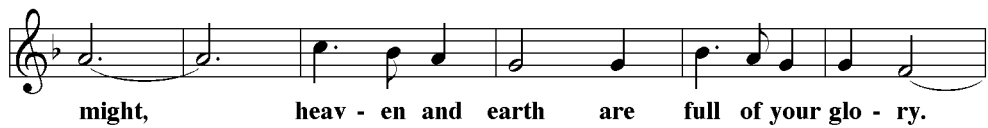
C: We lift them to God.

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**



***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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***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: 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 Standing on the Promises**

Standing on the Promises



1. Stand - ing on the prom - is-es of Christ, my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is-es that can - not fail.
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is-es of Christ, the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is-es I can - not fall,

3



Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His prais - es ring;
 When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 Bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

5



Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 By the liv - ing word of God I shall pre - vail,
 O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 Rest - ing in my Sav - ior, as my all in all,

***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Pastor Kevin Clark, Lutheran Campus Ministry, 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.

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold a Chicken BBQ and ice cream social TODAY. Serving from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. We hope you can join us!

All are invited to our Fellowship breakfast, Sunday, September 27 at 8:00 a.m. Your council members will provide the food and drink. We hope to see you there.

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 27, 2026

Jan Cooper

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Pulpit supply list for September

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)

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 16 families last week. My sincere gratitude to everyone for your continued support! Rhonda