

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Church Propers

September 4, 2025

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*\* All who are able please stand*

*L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: We come into your house, Divine Potter. We are your clay.**

**P: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Mold us again!**

**L: We bring our burdens and concerns, our hopes and dreams, our doubts and our delights.**

**P: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Hold us in your sure and righteous hand!**

**L: We seek your wisdom. Reveal your direction and our path.**

**P: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Rebuild and replant us!**

**\*HYMN: "Take My Life, God, Let It Be"**

**B448/Projected**

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Sovereign God, you are the Potter who has fashioned us into being as a community. Dwell in our midst. Share your wisdom and open every point of receptivity within us. You are holy, gracious, and kind. As we gather, we recommit to accept the joys and the costs of discipleship. May you be glorified in our worship, and may we be transformed as we encounter you and your way anew this day. Amen.***

**\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,**

**I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**WITNESS OF FAITH: Jeremiah 18:1-11**

**WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 139:1-6,13-18**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ALL: We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work***

*together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.*

*Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philemon 1:1-21

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-33

A TIME OF LEARNING: A Litany of Learning

Insert & Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (old language) Projected

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: "Remembrance" with Hillsong Worship

Projected

MEDITATION: "Cost of Discipleship"

Keith Mulder

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: Discipleship importantly includes sharing of our financial resources in support of the ministry of the gospel. Let us share materially in meeting the obligations of this church community.

#### OFFERTORY

##### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***ALL: Generous God, receive our offerings and magnify them to propel the ministry of this church. May the community and the world benefit from our generous giving. In gratitude, we pray with our contributions. Amen.***

HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" vs. 1&2

R210/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

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(The Communion elements have been pre-blessed by Rev. Mundell)

\*BENEDICTION: "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude

## **A Litany for Learning**

L: Today we celebrate the greatness of our God—the one who created us with minds to learn, gave us the abilities to master skills, and opens our hearts to understand that all learning is for his glory. We ask each person worshipping here today, whether four or ninety-eight, to stand as we now celebrate schooling in this "Litany of Learning."

L: We stand before you, Lord, to proclaim your greatness. You have given us creation, which is the fruit of your creative genius and power. You call us to care for your world. Help us to learn about your world so that we can be faithful to our calling.

**ALL: WE THANK YOU FOR CREATION. WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!**

L: We promise to use our minds to study your world, to use our eyes, hands, and ears to learn, and to use our tongues to discuss, question, and probe.

**ALL: WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE! WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!**

L: We celebrate ideas, numbers, words, and skills. We celebrate puzzles, paints, and colors. We celebrate imagination, instruments, and enzymes. All of it, Lord, is a part of your world.

**ALL: YOUR WORLD IS MARVELOUS! WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!**

L: We thank you for teachers who teach about your world. We thank you for students who see the wonder of your world unfold before them as they study. We thank you for textbooks that explain and help us explore the wonders of your world. We thank you for our classmates.

**ALL: WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!**

L: Help us to learn with joy. Nudge us to set higher goals when learning is easy, to keep on trying when learning is difficult, and to use the full potential you've given each of us.

**ALL: THANK YOU, LORD, THAT WE SERVE YOU IN OUR LEARNING. WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!**

L: Help us to know that when our student days are over, you will show us where to serve you further, using what we have learned to meet the challenges of your world. Help us to be faithful.

**ALL: WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!**

L: We thank you, God, for our teachers and students. We support and encourage them in learning. Give us a desire to learn. Give us strength and energy. Give us a desire to do our very best. Triune God, we will uphold our students and teachers in prayer.

Together, Lord, we promise to study and use our learning today and tomorrow as we serve you faithfully. We give you all the praise, honor, and glory.

**ALL: WE PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER! AMEN.**

## LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**P: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

**P: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

L: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

**P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

### **BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

L: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

L: Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

[Rev. Mundell with the help of the Alter Guild has blessed all the elements for the Thursday and Sunday services in his absence.]

### **RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION**

L: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**P: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

L: Let us pray.

**ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**



**We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.**

**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

*Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.*

## **Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm**

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Our summer office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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***Margaret Wendt*** Sept 4, ***Mary Albright*** Sept 5, ***Cassandra Kwiatkoske*** Sept 6, ***Kathryn Schieler*** Sept 7, ***Austin Lawless***, ***David Ninnemann***, and ***Grace Retzlaff*** Sept 8, ***Sharon Sauerbrei*** Sept 9, ***Beverly Garro***, ***Nancy L Henning***, and ***Thomas Schuster*** Sept 10

### **ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 9	Livestream: 149	Total: 158
Sunday :	In-Person: 44	Livestream: 133	Total: 177

General Fund: \$706.00                      OCWM: \$88.50                      Capital Improvements: \$73.50

***Thank you so much*** for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**Audio/Visual:** Keith Mulder/Kelly Mundell    **Liturgist:** Rorie Nitz    **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

### **WELCOME SOPHIE MOLDENHAUER**

Sophie arrived on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, from Berlin, Germany. Please welcome Sophie into our wonderful OSUCC family as she's far from home and in a very different environment from her hometown of Berlin. We're happy she's here!

### **WHAT IS PURPLE SUNDAY**

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is observed each year during the month of June. The month aims to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other brain health issues and to help educate the public on symptoms, risk factors, treatments, and to advocate for further research. The color purple is the support color associated with the disease, similar to how pink is associated with Breast Cancer support.



Our Called to Care Team places coin banks at all the main entrances to the Sanctuary on Sundays and in the Chapel area on Thursdays as a way that you can donate loose change that will become part of a donation to the Alzheimer's Association later in the Fall.

We all have friends, family members, and know others in our community who have been affected by the disease. We would like to support the research that may help our future generations to be free of the disease or at least not as impacted by it as what we are now.

Thank you for your consideration in helping feed the coin banks to build the donation!

## **FALL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Emily Burke R.N., our Parish Nurse, will be offering CPR and AED basics at a few coffee hours this Fall for those who are interested in learning how to perform CPR and how to use the automated AED units we have here at Our Saviour's. Keep a lookout in the bulletin for more information on dates!



### **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

***IN OUR PRAYERS:*** *Jim Badtke, Sharri Dailey, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Joe Wrzinski, the family and friends of David Wood as they grieve his loss, and 15 Unspoken.*

### **NEW SCOUT PACK 3735 PROJECT**

New this year is a project that Pack 3735 will be doing to raise money to help support Pack activities. They are collecting clean, dry aluminum cans (soda, etc.) that are uncrushed and have the pop tabs on. They will sort the cans, remove the pop tabs and give those to us for our Ronald McDonald ministry, and then they will recycle the cans. Collection "cans" will be put out in the East and West Narthex for us to drop our cans off in. Thank you from the Pack!

### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS, PLEASE!**

We have 205 members but only 67 member photos. We can do better than that, can't we? Of course we can! We are a caring family here at OSUCC and want to see each other's photos.

Call 920-748-2544 or email the Church office ([osuccripon1@gmail.com](mailto:osuccripon1@gmail.com)) to set up your time, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am till 2:00 pm, or Sundays after worship service from 10:15 am till 11:30 am. Committee and Group photos will be taken this month.

### **MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



*Suggested items for September are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); boxed cereals; protein bars; breakfast shakes; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, chili; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; mustard; ketchup; salad dressing. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Sept 4 9:00 am - noon - Mind, Body and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Sr. Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - [Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion](#)  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sat. Sept 6 11 am - 2 pm - Pack 3735 Scout Recruitment Event, Riggs Park
- Sun. Sept 7 9:00 am - [Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion](#)  
10:00 am - [No Blood Pressure Clinic today](#)  
10:00 am - Sunday School and Adult Christian Ed classes start  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Tues. Sept 9 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Grace Lutheran Church

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Sept 11 9:00 am - noon - Mind, Body and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Sr. Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - [Worship Service in the Chapel](#)  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sun. Sept 14 9:00 am - [Worship Service in the Sanctuary](#)  
10:00 am - Sunday School and Adult Christian Ed classes  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Tues. Sept 16 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Immanuel UM Church  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 First Den Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. Sept 20 10:00 am - Pack 3735 Popcorn Sale at Ace Hardware, Ripon
- Fri. Oct 3 8:00 am - Evangelism Committee Brat Fry at HyVee, Ripon
- Sat. Oct 4 8:00 am - Pack 3735 Brat Fry at HyVee, Ripon



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