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Services:
Wednesday Lenten Services at noon and 7pm
Sunday Morning Services at 8am & 10:30am

Owosso Lutheran Hour:
Sunday at 10am on Z92.5FM

Broadcast Hymn: 200, vv 1& 2 (8am only)

Hymn 278

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

C: *(sung)*

*Lord, to you I make confession;
I have sinned and gone astray;
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself the way.
Led by you to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.*

*Yet though conscience' voice appall me
Father, I will seek your face.
Though your child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me to your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Do not let your wrath o'ertake me. (302)*

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(sung)

Lord, on you I cast my burden—

Sink it in the depths below!

Let me know your gracious pardon;

Wash me, make me white as snow.

Let your Spirit leave me never;

Make me only yours forever.

For your Son has suffered for me,

Giv'n himself to rescue me,

Died to save me and restore me,

Reconciled and set me free.

Jesus' cross alone can vanquish

These dark fears and soothe this anguish.

LORD HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

+ **THE WORD** +

SALUTATION

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:11-17

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’ ” ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’ ” ¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.

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SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to

know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

P: The Gospel according to John chapter 6.

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

¹ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY 258

Now Let All Loudly

SERMON

Psalm 145

Sinners Sing of their Savior King: A Song of Joyful Thanks

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING & HYMN 409

Come, My Soul, with Every Care

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus means "holy." Possibly used as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

C: *(sung to the tune of "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Hymn 130)*

*O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.*

*Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

LAMB OF GOD

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

C: *(sung, from p. 35)*
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. Amen.

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SONG OF SIMEON

The Nunc Dimittis (“Now dismiss”) is also known as the “Song of Simeon.”
Through God’s Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like
Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

C: *(sung to the tune of O Word of God Incarnate, Hymn 279)*
O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word–
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your

guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN 256

How Great Thou Art

Door Offering for 150th Anniversary

The Owosso Lutheran Hour broadcast is provided in loving memory of Kathy Miller with memorials given at the time of her passing.

The Sunday Altar Flowers are provided in honor of Helen Matthies' 95th birthday on April 3rd by her family.

Celebrating a Sunday Baptismal Birthday: Kathryn Moore

Easter Lilies: If you'd like to purchase a lily for the altar on Easter Sunday, you may do so through the church office. The cost is \$10.

This week at Salem

Sun (31) 8 & 10:30am
9:30am
1:30pm
Mon (1) 6:00pm
7:15pm
Tue (2) 10:30am
Wed (3) noon
5:30pm
7:00pm

Communion Services
Sunday School/ Bible Class
Youth Conf Class
Handbells
Choir
Bible Class
Lenten Service
Lent Supper
Lenten Service

Attendance: March 17 83+143= 226
Lent 3 55+95= 150
March 24 85+138= 223

The Spring LWMS Rally is April 7 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc. Lunch is at 1pm and the rally begins at 1:45pm. Linda Liesener & Mike and Cheryl Valus are the speakers. The topic is the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM). This is the mission where we sent our pill bottles.

Festival Winds music for Easter is on the organ. Rehearsal will be April 18th after the 7pm Maundy Thursday service.

	March 17	To Date
Offerings received	\$13,421.37	\$105,881.32
Tuition/ Registration	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 11,098.91
Other/ Interest	\$	\$ 936.44
Budgetary needs	\$11,496.25	\$126,458.75
Difference	+\$3,517.12	-\$ 8,674.24
Owes to internal line of credit:		\$47,000.00

Looking ahead to April 7

Text: Psalm 45

Theme: Sinners Sing of Their Savior King:

A Song of a Heavenly Wedding

Common with Communion



April 14	Palm Sunday	8 & 10:30am Worship Services
April 18	Maundy Thursday	noon & 7pm Communion Services
April 19	Good Friday	noon & 7pm Communion Services
April 21	Easter Sunday	8 & 10:30am Festival Services