

TOGETHER IN CHRIST



October 23rd, 2025

God Pause Devotional

Brought to you by alumni of Luther Seminary

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Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be

This Week at OSLC

Thursday, October 23rd

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out
1:00-6:00pm / Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, October 24th

8:00-9:00am / Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, October 25th

10:00am / OSLC Outdoor Clean Up

Sunday, October 26th

Reformation Sunday
(Wear Red!)

8:45am / Adult Sunday School
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist
11:15am / Fellowship after Worship

Tuesday, October 28th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out

Wednesday, October 29th

10:30-12:00pm / Weekly Bible Study
1:30-3:00pm / Book Club

Thursday, October 30th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out

Friday, October 31st



8:00-9:00am / Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, November 1st

6:00pm / To Our House

Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints Sunday

8:45am / Adult Sunday School
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist
11:15am / Fellowship after Worship
6:00pm / To Our House

humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Devotion:

Our society today does not encourage humbleness. Three-year-olds are told to “make good decisions,” while climbing on safety rails, instead of being told to get down before they fall when they are not of an age to comprehend the dangerous situation. Young people are constantly looking for approval to be the best, look the best, or act the right way to fit in with others on social media. When mistakes are made, they are devastated. Anxiety and depression have become a regular description of how they feel. Too often that feeling of self-importance continues into adulthood when they have not experienced a need for humbleness or to listen to the wisdom of others. Learning from others through listening and accepting our limits provides an opening to discover how we are dependent on God and how limited our human wisdom is. Humbleness takes away over-confidence and conceit that separates us from our loving Father.

Prayer:

“God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Remove the self-serving need for approval of this world and look to the only approval needed, the one that comes from you through Christ Jesus. Amen.

OSLC Ministry Corner



Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, October 23rd
1:00-6:00pm

Save a life by donating blood to those in need!
Walk-ins are welcome but you can also register
today online at redcross.org.

Thank you to Jan Jackson for helping organize
these events here at OSLC!

If you need help registering or have questions
please feel free to reach out to Jan and he will
happily help you out!



OSLC Outdoor Clean Up
Saturday, October 25th
10:00am

Come out Saturday, October 25th and help us
clean up, trim, and rake the grounds here at
OSLC. It takes a village to care for our
beautiful grounds that we love so much! Hope
to see you there!



“God created the world
out of nothing, and so
long as we are nothing,
He can make something
out of us.”
-Martin Luther

For Life’s Ups and Downs

“Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.” - Psalm 121:1-2

Even the sparrow is provided for by our Lord. The smallest and most fragile are provided for and loved all the same by their creator. Our Lord provides for those little ones as God does for us.

Our needs are heard. Our needs are valued. Our needs are provided for by the presence, love, and grace of our God.

May we thank our God for God’s providence and love and raise all our needs in prayer and supplication.
- Pastor Joel

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