

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at Oak Grove Lutheran Church.
Please know that you are welcome, no exceptions!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP

Come, wrestle with God who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

Come, let us worship!

Come, look around with questions, look around with wonder, turning your head in every direction you can find.

Come, let us worship!

Come, God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

Come, let us worship!

We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.

We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen

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GATHERING HYMN #533 vs. 1, 3 & 5 *“Open Now the Gates of Beauty”*

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
here my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN of PRAISE #824 vs. 1 & 3 *“This is My Father’s World”*

*This is my Father’s world,
and to my list’ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world;*

I rest me in the thought

*of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget that,
though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!*

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... ever-loving God,

your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 34:9-14

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will

of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the

Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The holy gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.



John 6:51-58

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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MESSAGE *“Uh Jesus, That Is a Hard Teaching!”*

HYMN of the DAY #542 VSS. 1, 3 & 4 *“O Living Bread from Heaven”*

O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes.
My heart this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows!

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Oh, grant me then, well strengthened with heav'nly food while here,
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

CONFESSION of FAITH 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with:
Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING of the PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

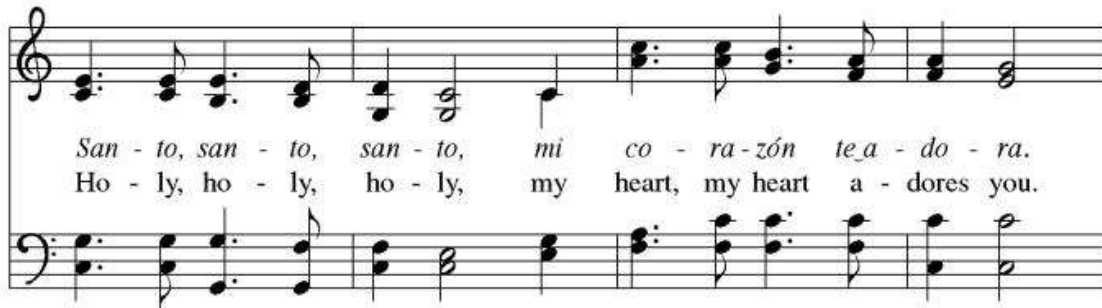
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

WORDS of INSTITUTION



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

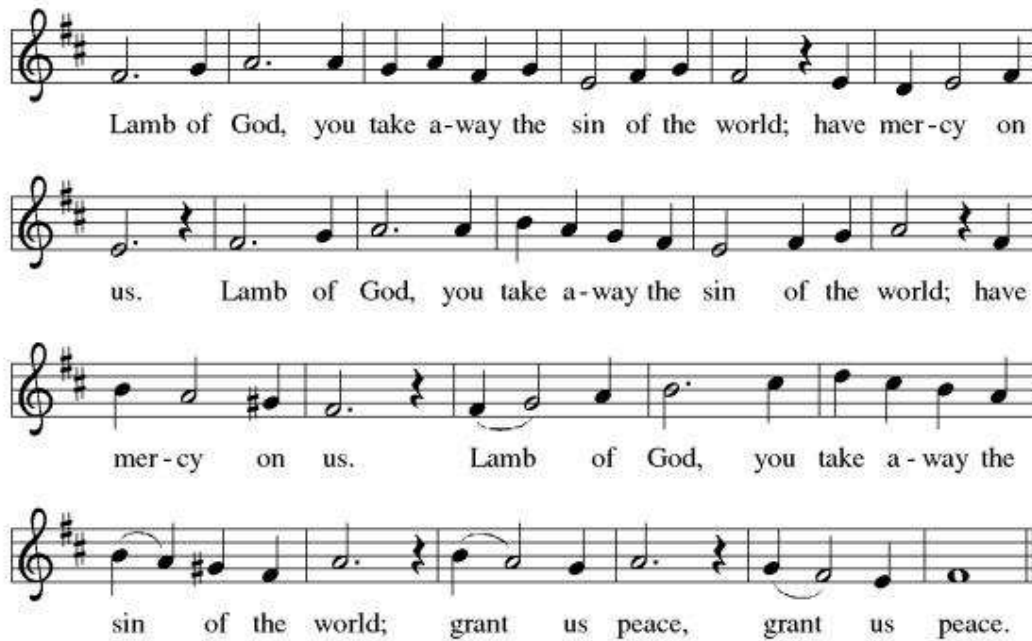
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB of GOD

INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



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.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,

**we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to
love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
(+) be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING FORTH HYMN #543 vss. 1 & 3 "Go, My children, with my Blessing"

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, feed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

POSTLUDE
