



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

10:00 A.M.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
7045 LYNDALE AVENUE SOUTH, RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission Statement

*To Put the Love of Jesus Into Action,
As We Welcome, Serve and Love All People.*

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God Beyond All Praising

Joy Bells

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed are you, life-giving God. You water the earth and feed all your creatures, Oceans, lakes, rivers and streams sing your praise. We thank you for the gift of water.

Alleluia! Amen.

For love of humanity, you rain mercy like manna and call us your people. Through the life and death of your son, Jesus Christ, you refresh and renew us. Here in the waters of baptism, we share his resurrection life and expectant hope. We praise you for the gift of baptism.

Alleluia! Amen.

Wash and claim us by your Holy Spirit. Send us with this water to be a blessing to all the earth and to all our neighbors. And on the last day, gather us with the saints who have gone before us in the sacred dance of creation.

Alleluia! Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns
vss. 1, 3 & 5

ELW 855

+ Please stand as you are able.

+ 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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

vss. 1 & 2

- 1 **Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!**

- 2 **God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: We praise you, God of glory, for jubilee celebration!

**Let our voices shout like shining trumpets,
rejoicing in your promise fulfilled.**

**Plant your freedom song within our lungs and upon our lips,
that the good news of Jesus Christ, may set all creation singing.**

Alleluia!

Amen.

PSALM 93

Read responsively by verse.

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

**He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!**

Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+ GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Why Christ the King Sunday?

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
vss. 1, 2 & 4

ELW 634

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

*Today you are invited to bring your offering
and pledge card forward and place them in the basket.*

OFFERING ANTHEM

Reckless Love

Finley Jones

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,

you sojourn with us through every wilderness and make sure that there is enough to go around. Accept these offerings of our labor and love. Extend the blessings of this table toward all who thirst and hunger, for you have already given us the food that endures and a fountain of mercy that never fails, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy
vs. 1

ELW 413

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

DISTRIBUTION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise you, O God, for this abundance we have shared at your table. Let all creation taste your goodness, and let our lives bear witness that no one is excluded from your love. May the kindness we have known here spread a sabbath mood over the week to come. You are so good to us, holy and almighty God.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

God of surpassing manna, gifts,
God of more-than-enough at the edges,
God, food for the journey,
keep you in grace and sustain you, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SENDING FORTH HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

vss. 1 & 4

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. There is more than enough.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship Wednesday, November 27, 7 pm

Join us on Wednesday, November 27, at 7 pm for the annual Richfield ELCA Collaboration Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fellowship, hosted by Woodlake Lutheran. Gathering with friends from Oak Grove, Tapestry, House of Prayer, and Woodlake, we'll sing and praise God for the abundant blessings in our lives. Note: the joint choir will meet to rehearse before the service at 6:15 pm.

Woodlake is hoping to have a few volunteers from each church assist with the pie and coffee portion of the service. Please sign-up in the Oak Grove office if you are able to assist with set-up 5:30 to 6:30 pm, and/or serving and clean-up 7:45 pm to 9 pm.

Prayer Shawl Knitters Needed

Are you a knitter or have you always wanted to learn? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is going strong at Oak Grove and we'd love to have more shawls on hand for Pastor Lee to gift to those in need of comfort. We have enough yarn on hand for 5 shawls that may be used. If you are interested in knitting a shawl or donating supplies, please get in touch with Kathie Curry or Amy Hanson in the office.

Communion Feedback

Thank you for your feedback about how we receive communion at Oak Grove! After much discussion, the Council decided that we will do "file by" communion going forward.

Poinsettia Orders

It is time to begin preparing for our celebration of Christ's birth! We will work together to prepare the sanctuary by ordering Christmas poinsettias. Please use the enclosed form to place your order and submit payment by **Monday, December 2**, indicating that the payment is for "Christmas Poinsettias".

Christmas Festival Concert – *Healing: of the Nations*

Join the National Lutheran Choir at the beautiful Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for the Christmas Festival tradition. This year's program, *Healing: of the Nations*, seeks to bring a beacon of hope to all who open their hearts and listen. Concerts will be held on December 13 & 14. Tickets at NLCA.com.

OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 am Sunday School, South Lawn, SS Rooms

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

9:30 am Staff Meeting, Library
10:00 am Care Club, Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Bible Study, Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 27

9:30 am Bible Study, Fireside Room
7:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Woodlake Lutheran

Thursday, November 28

Offices Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29

Offices Closed

Saturday, November 30

8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Library
9:00 am Joy Bells Practice, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7 pm at Woodlake Lutheran
Sunday, Dec 15 Sunday School Program in Worship, 10 am
Wednesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 4 pm and 10 pm
Sunday, Dec 29 Service of Lessons and Carols, 10 am

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, November 24

Assisting Minister: Lisa Hoyne
Scripture Reader: Gordy Hanson
Communion Servers: Dan Curry and Mike Tveite

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, December 1

Assisting Minister: Carol Swenson
Scripture Reader: Bev Hummel
Communion Servers: Matt Cutter and Murt Hanson

Media - Facebook Live: Les & Becky Hanson, Julie, Curt and Elisa Tvete,
Pam Krause, and Kathie Curry

*Oak Grove Lutheran Church sits on traditional lands of the Dakota people.
We acknowledge, with gratitude, the many blessings we receive from this land.*

*Children are always welcome in worship. Activity bags are available
in the library or ask an usher for help in locating them.*

Restrooms: Located downstairs near the fellowship lounge.
Hearing devices: Personal hearing devices are available through the ushers.



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