



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
giver of all life,
advocate of the forgotten,
breath of sabbath rest.

Amen.

Together we confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who provides,

we confess that we are captive to greed, mistrust and despair.

We cannot free ourselves from habits of hoarding and complaining.

God who remembers,

we fear our neighbor's need and forget our dependence on you.

We spoil the gift of daily bread.

God who delivers,

we repent of seeing only scarcity and worrying about what we lack. We plead for your presence; grant us rest, set us free, and teach us your generous ways.

Children of God, there is more than enough. God's mercies are new every day. Through Christ Jesus, the Bread of life, God gathers us together, forgives all our sin, restores our strength and showers us in mercy.

Thanks be to God!

Take joy in God's abundant forgiveness, body and soul, and rise to serve with boldness.

We await your day of jubilee. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

GREETING

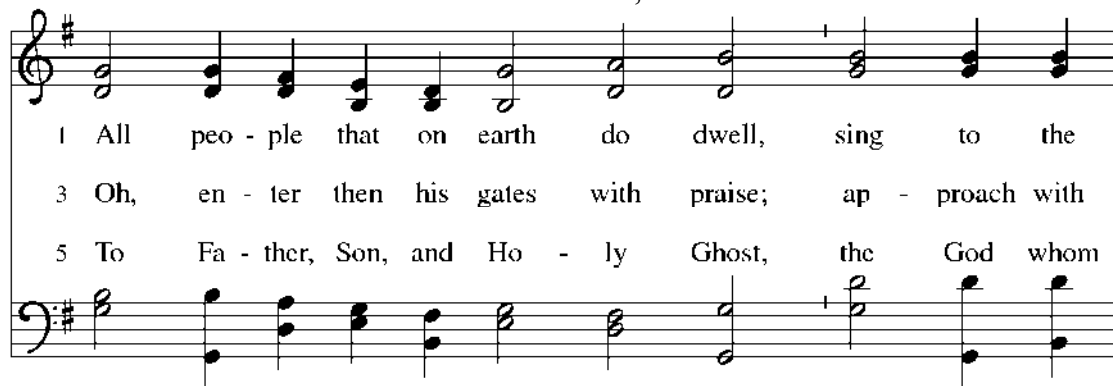
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

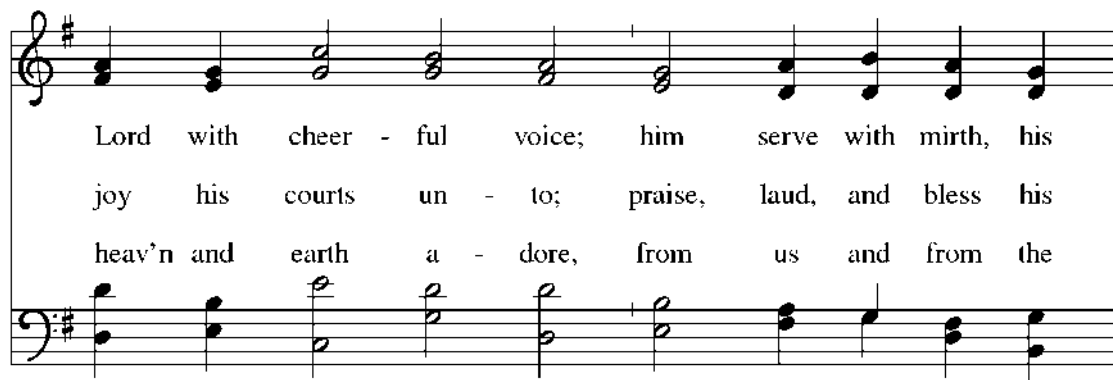
HYMN of PRAISE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
vss. 1, 3 & 5

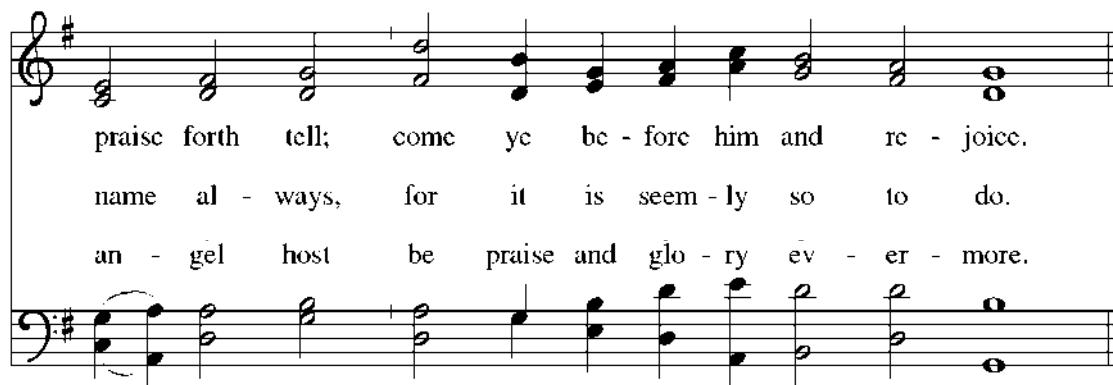
ELW 883



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Holy God,

we encounter your gifts of mercy anew each day, at morning, noon, twilight and nightfall. Gather us by your gracious hand. Teach us to be your people:

free from hoarding and quick to share, patterning our lives on Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Blessed Assurance

Chorale

PSALM 146

Read responsively.

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Impossible Promise of Abundance

HYMN of the DAY

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art
vss. 1, 3 & 5

ELW 863

CONFESSION of FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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

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.

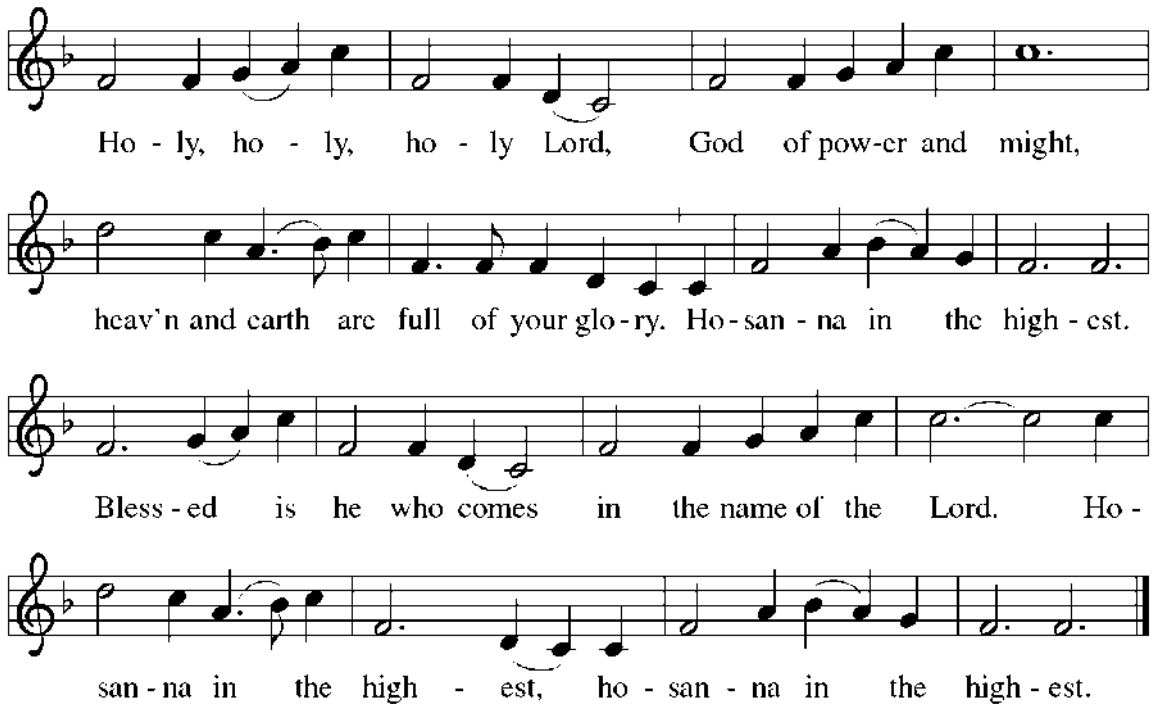
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

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



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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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Day by Day

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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

Soon and Very Soon
vss. 1, 2 & 4

ELW 439

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. There is more than enough.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Core Values Statement: TODAY

Today after worship, we will hold a Congregational Gathering in the Fellowship Hall to write a Core Values Statement for the Oak Grove congregation. We will seek to work as quickly as we can at this gathering and hopefully get you home to see the Vikings! Your input is very important! Everyone please make every effort to be at the gathering. We had excellent discussions and sharing at the previous gatherings, and you are needed again to share in composing this document.

Care Club Quilts: TODAY

Oh, the warmth! The hearts and hands of the Care Club members have lovingly created quilts throughout the year which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Today, the warm, wonderful products of their labor are displayed in the church. Additionally, two quilts – yes, two this year – are up for raffle at \$5 per ticket. You could be the winner of one of these works of art. All proceeds from the raffle go to support the Care Club for purchasing supplies that are not donated.

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.

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 at least 10 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.

Communion Feedback

Your feedback is needed on the way that we receive communion at Oak Grove. Do you prefer gathering at the altar (the "old way") or continuous communion, which was started during the pandemic? Please give this some thought and offer your feedback to a council member.

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".

Tapestry Fundraiser—This Saturday, November 16

Tapestry will once again be having their Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, November 16, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave S, in Bloomington. This was a fun event last year!

Hours will be 10:00 am to noon, with a breakfast brunch being served. They will also have a raffle again, along with the Silent Auction items. Come ready to support the Tapestry ministry and have an enjoyable morning! More information will be coming!

OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 am Chorale, Sanctuary
- 9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Core Values Statement Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Sunday School, South Lawn, SS Rooms

Monday, November 11

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Library
- 10:00 am Care Club, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:30 am Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 6:30 pm Confirmation, Fireside Room, SS Room

Thursday, November 14

Friday, November 15

Offices Closed

Saturday, November 16

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, Nov 12** Council Meeting, 7 pm
- Monday, Nov 18** Transition Team, 6:30 pm
- 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, 10 am and 4 pm
- Sunday, Dec 29** Service of Lessons and Carols, 10 am

Worship Leaders for today, November 10

Assisting Minister: Carol Swenson

Scripture Reader: Carolyn Aura

Communion Servers: Margie Risch and Gordy Hanson

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, November 17

Assisting Minister: Dan Curry

Scripture Reader: Deanne Beaudet

Communion Servers: John Wigdahl and Nickie Wigdahl

Media - Facebook Live: Les & Becky Hanson, Julie, Curt and Elisa Tvette,
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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