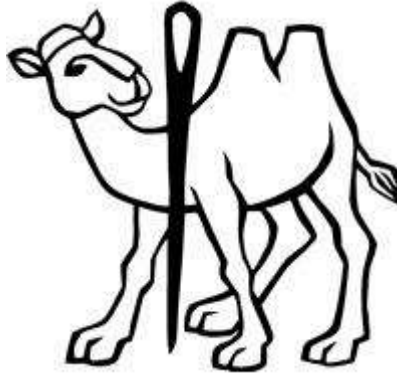


## Time after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.



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

**PRELUDE**      *“Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

### WELCOME

**CALL to WORSHIP**      *“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”*      Bemidji Alumni Choir

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity , (+) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** #625 vs. 1, 2 & 4 *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

## **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** #886 vs. 1 & 6 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and king,  
the triumphs of his grace!*

*To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv’n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav’n.*

## **PRAYER of the DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God,

**Increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **PSALM 90:12-17 (responsively)**

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 4:12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**ANTHEM** *"Precious Lord"* Bemidji Alumni Choir

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

## **GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31**

7As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

28Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

## **SERMON**

Pastor John Strommen

**HYMN of the DAY** #655 vss. 1, 2 & 4 *"Son of God, Eternal Savior"*

## **CONFESSION of FAITH**

**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:  
*Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.***

## **SHARING of the PEACE**

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

**OFFERING**      *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve  
one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

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 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.

## LAMB of GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

## DISTRIBUTION

Hymn: #468 *Around You, O Lord Jesus*"

## PRAYER after COMMUNION

Holy God,  
**you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now  
to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH ANTHEM** *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* Bemidji Alumni Choir

**BENEDICTION**

God almighty,  
God most merciful,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit (+)  
bless you, keep you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**THANK YOU** to the Bemidji Alumni Choir for being at Oak Grove today and sharing their gifts of music with us in worship!

**THANK YOU** to Pastor John Strommen for worshipping with us today and sharing the message. Pastor John has recently written a book entitled GPS Finding Direction on Your Faith and Life Journey. He will be available to sign his book this morning.



