



# BAPTISM OF JESUS

JANUARY 12, 2025

10:00 A.M.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
7045 LYNDAL 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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### + THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We gather together in the name in which we live, the name in which we baptize, in the name of the holy Trinity, † the one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea, you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

#### + GATHERING HYMN

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*  
vss. 1, 2 & 4

*ELW 310*

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

**+ GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

Let us pray, Almighty God,  
**you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE**      *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*      ELW 885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**PSALM 29**

*Read responsively.*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Wade in the Water*

Chorale

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia*

ELW 174

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

**+ GOSPEL** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Do You Remember Your Baptism?*

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Remember and Rejoice*

*ELW 454*

vss. 1 – All, 2 – Men, 3 – Acapella, 4 – Women, 5 – All

**+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Beloved of God, on this day of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remember and renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms - that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Let us boldly make our confession of faith before God, renouncing the sinful life and embracing the godly life of the Spirit-filled Christian. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God,

**that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen**

### **+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes with:

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

## **+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

### **+ OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace,  
**your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.  
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.**

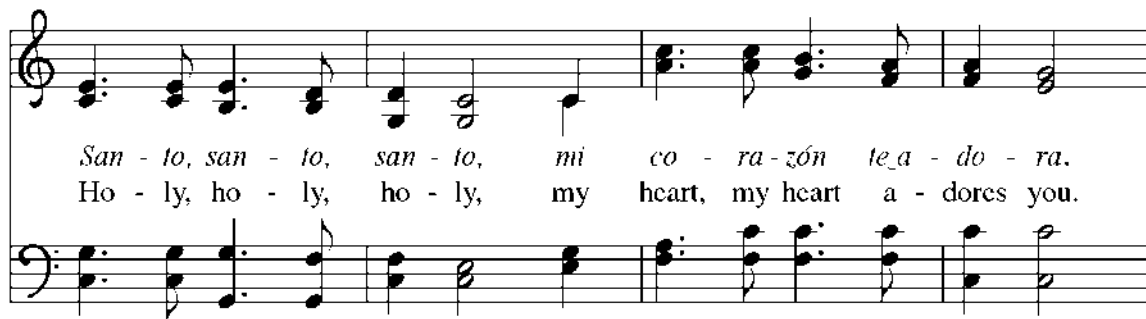
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*

ELW 473



*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.

+ 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**

ELW p. 154



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**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*O Living Breath of God*

ELW 407

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

## + **BENEDICTION**

The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## + **SENDING FORTH HYMN**

*Go My Children, With My Blessing*  
vss. 1 & 3

*ELW 543*

## + **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Oak Grove Core Values Statement**

**Love** one another with compassion and care, just as Christ loves us.

**Welcome** all people into fellowship with hospitality.

**Accept** others as they are, treating each person with respect and dignity.

**Worship** God through music and ministry, reflecting our Lutheran heritage while embracing new ways of worship.

**Grow** in faith rooted in the Gospel, both as individuals  
and as a faith community.

**Serve** the Lord by generously sharing our faith, time, talents, and resources with  
the community and the world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Gracias!**

Many thanks to Tapestry Ministry for their generous gift of \$5,000 in 2024. We divided that gift to add \$2,500 to the Enduring Gifts Fund and included the remainder in our operating income for the year.

We are blessed to continue being in relationship with Tapestry and their ministry.

### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 26, at 11:00 am – after the regular worship service in the Sanctuary.

### **Budget Discussion**

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, there will be a meeting to discuss the budget on Sunday, January 19, at 9 am – in the Fellowship Hall, before worship. Please plan to attend and bring any questions you may have.

### **Mid-Week Lenten Messages**

This year, Pastor Lee would like to base his Wednesday Lenten messages on your questions. You are invited to submit questions on the Christian faith and life that are of importance/interest to you, and you feel would speak to others as well. Pastor will select some of the questions to preach on during our mid-week Lenten worship. Also, your questions will help him know what is on your heart and mind as he prepares other sermons while he is at Oak Grove.

Please submit your questions in one of two ways:

1. Email your question to: [pastorlee@oakgrovelutheran.org](mailto:pastorlee@oakgrovelutheran.org)
2. Write your question on a piece of paper and place it in the small box in the church narthex.

### **Congregational Devotional Book for Lent**

Bless others in the congregation this Lent by sharing a devotion! Your devotion can be anything related to the faith that is meaningful to you, and you feel would bless others. You can base it on a Bible verse, a hymn, a personal experience, etc. (If you feel you would rather not compose something yourself, consider sharing another devotion that has been meaningful to you.) *(continued)*

Please keep your devotion to about 150-250 words. You don't need to submit your devotion to Pastor Lee until February 23 ([pastorlee@oakgrovelutheran.org](mailto:pastorlee@oakgrovelutheran.org)) but please let him know soon if you will be willing to serve God in this way.

### **Rebirth of the Property Commission**

As you know, our beloved engineer Scott is retiring in January. We have been looking at ways to get the things at Oak Grove done that Scott has been doing. We will hire a part-time cleaning service but there are many other things Scott does that we think a Property Commission could help with. Some things would only occasionally need to be done (small paint jobs, change lightbulbs, test AED and replace batteries as needed...). Others would be on a more regular basis (mow the lawn, shovel the sidewalks...). And there would be other things as needed. If you are interested, please contact Julie Tvette (612-750-2589) or at church on Sunday.

### **We need your help!**

We have been thinking of things that need doing after Scott retires in January. Do any of these things sound of interest to you or are there things that need doing that you think you could help with? Here are just a few:

- Shovel sidewalks after it snows during the week (this would be on a rotating schedule and so you would only need to shovel periodically)
- Set up seasonal decorations
- Trim bushes and shrubs
- And many other jobs as well, of course

Also, if you have a background in plumbing or electrical work, we'd love to hear from you!

If any of this sounds of interest or if you need more information, please contact Julie Tvette (612-750-2589) or at church on Sundays. Your help with this will greatly help Oak Grove!

## **2025 Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available for pick-up in the narthex. The envelope numbers remain unchanged from last year and the packets are labeled. If you wish to start using envelopes, but have not used them previously, please sign-up on the pad next to the envelopes and a packet will be available for you next week.

## **Stewardship**

There is still time to return your Statement of Intent to Oak Grove Lutheran. Pledge cards may be placed in the offering basket or dropped off in the office. If you're interested in the Vanco Simply Giving program, an automatic electronic way to give, please pick up an enrollment form in the office.

## **Building Key Inventory Project**

Do you have your own key(s) for Oak Grove? Many keys are out there in circulation, and we need to get a more accurate idea of who has access to the building. We are taking an inventory of all building keys that have been issued, compiling a list of key holders, and adding a reference number to each. Please check your key rings and locate any keys you may have at home. Keys may be brought to Amy in the office for numbering and recording on a key card. If you know of others who have keys and are not using them, please help to get the word out – those keys may be turned in. Working together, we can make Oak Grove a more secure building!

## **OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, January 12**

- 8:30 am Coffee Hour in Honor of Scott Olson's Retirement, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Sunday School, South lawn, SS Rooms

### **Monday, January 13**

### **Tuesday, January 14**

- 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, January 15**

- 9:30 am Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 6:30 pm Confirmation, SS Rooms
- 7:00 pm Chorale, Sanctuary

### **Thursday, January 16**

### **Friday, January 17**

Offices Closed

### **Saturday, January 18**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, January 19** Budget Discussion Meeting, 9 am
- Monday, January 20** MLK Holiday—Offices Closed
- Tuesday, January 21** Esther Circle Meeting, 7 pm
- Sunday, January 26** Congregational Annual Meeting, 11 am

## **Worship Leaders for Sunday, January 12**

**Assisting Minister:** Michelle Myroniuk

**Scripture Reader:** Lolita Driscoll

**Communion Servers:** Carol Swenson and Michelle Myroniuk

## **Worship Leaders for next Sunday, January 19**

**Assisting Minister:** Lisa Hoyne

**Scripture Reader:** Margaret Swanson

**Communion Servers:** Scott Olson and Barb Olson

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

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*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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