

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025

10:00 A.M.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
7045 LYNDAL AVE. 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

Christ, Be Our Light

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ GATHERING HYMN

*As with Gladness Men of Old
vss. 1, 4 & 5*

ELW 302

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.

† *Please stand as you are able.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW 174

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

+ GOSPEL Luke 4: 14-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

An Elevator Speech by Jesus!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

vss. 1, 2 & 5

+ AFFIRMATION 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 concludes with:
God of grace, **hear 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.

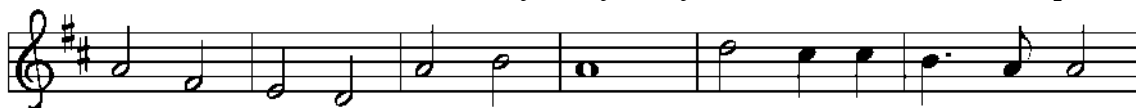
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

+ 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. 112-113



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

DISTRIBUTION

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

BLESSING

+ 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

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
vss. 1 & 6

ELW 301

+ 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—Today!

The annual meeting of the congregation will be today after worship in the Sanctuary. Annual Reports are available in the narthex. Please take a few minutes to review this information before the meeting.

Youth Bake Sale—Today!

Time: 9:00 am - 9:50 am and right after worship until the start of the annual meeting.

Please help our youth raise funds to attend Camp Wapo this summer. Please swing by the sale to show your support for our youth! Thank you!

Kelli Olson & Your Oak Grove Youth

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
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.) 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) but please let him know soon if you will be willing to serve God in this way.

Nomination Forms

Would you like to nominate a pastoral candidate? Nomination forms are available in the office. Please submit nominations by **February 28** by placing completed forms in the envelope in the church office.

Sponsor a Camper!

Your support is always appreciated, especially this year with the cost of attending camp going up 8% for Camp Wapo. The Youth will have multiple fundraisers this year but if you are able to sponsor a camper or two, that would be very helpful. Please reach out to Kelli Olson for more information. Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of our youth!

Kelli Olson & Your Oak Grove Youth

We need your help

With Scott retiring we will all need to watch for things that need doing, make note of things that need fixing, etc. There will be an envelope on the small table outside the office with slips that you can fill out if you see something that needs doing or that we need to look at. The group that is setting up tables for meetings is doing their best to set up the right tables in the right rooms. If you get there and your tables aren't set up, please set them up and then let me know so that we can put it on our master list for next time. Please wash your own dishes, clean up your rooms when done, clean out coffee pots, etc. With all of us working together we can make this work. There will also be a cleaning service at church from 9 am to 1 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They will do basic cleaning (bathrooms, garbage, dusting, floors, etc.)

Thanks for your cooperation – Julie Tvette (952-894-2361)

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for 2024 are available for pick-up in the narthex. Any statements not picked up today will be mailed out this coming week. Please save a stamp and pick up if possible!

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!

Spanish Classes

Spanish classes start Tuesday, February 4th, and continue every Tuesday through April 29th – right here at Oak Grove! There will be supper offered first at 6:00 pm if you're interested, otherwise classes start at 6:30 pm and go until 8:00 pm. Suggested payment is \$125 (less than \$10 per class). There will be three levels available: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. If you have any questions, contact Lidia Grabow.

OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
Sunday School, SS Rooms

Monday, January 27

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

Friday, January 31

Offices Closed

Saturday, February 1

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 17—President's Day, Offices Closed

Wednesday, March 5 — Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm

Worship Leaders for Sunday, January 26

Assisting Minister: Mike Tveite

Scripture Reader: Carol Swenson

Communion Servers: Nickie Wigdahl and John Wigdahl

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, February 2

Assisting Minister: Michele Myroniuk

Scripture Reader: Barb Olson

Communion Servers: Gordy Hanson and Margie Risch

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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