Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2024 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at Oak
Grove Lutheran Church.

Please know that you are welcome, no exceptions!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (silence for reflection)

Most gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \oplus Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #362 vss. 1, 2 &4 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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 #870 "We Praise You, O God"

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... O God,

eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 78:23-29

So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven, raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven. So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough. The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas, letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings. So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 1:5-7

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O lord.**

JOHN 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw

signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Mark Swanson

HYMN of the DAY #487 vss. 1 & 3 "What Feast of Love"

CONFESSION of FAITH

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

(The Ionian Creed from the Iona Community in Scotland)

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING of the PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

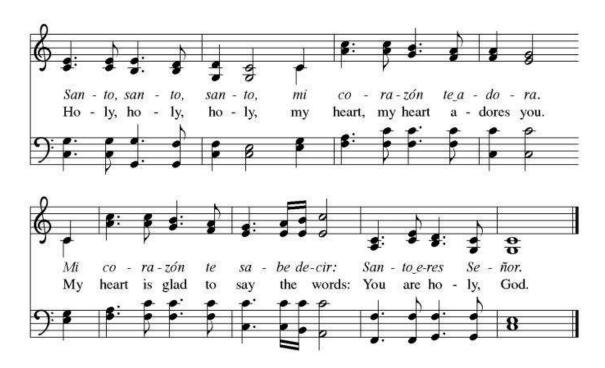
Lift up your hearts.

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:



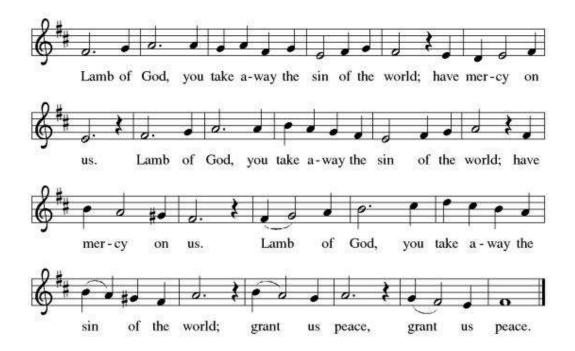
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LORD'S PRAYER

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



INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

DISTRIBUTION

#480 vss. 1 & 3 "O Bread of Life from Heaven" #592 "Just As I Am. Without One Plea"

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PRAYER after COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, (+) be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING FORTH HYMN #536 vss. 1 & 3 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE

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Thanks to Pastor Mark Swanson and Pastor Mark Wegener for leading worship today while Pastor Lee is away!