

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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 † 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.**

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GATHERING SONG *"Gather Us In"*

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 #525 *"You Are Holy"*

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Holy God,

your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"I Will Trust in the Lord"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE *"To Whom Can We Go?"*

HYMN of the DAY #638 *"Blessed Assurance"*

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:
Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING of the PEACE

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

OFFERING *"Our Great God"*

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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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WORDS of INSTITUTION

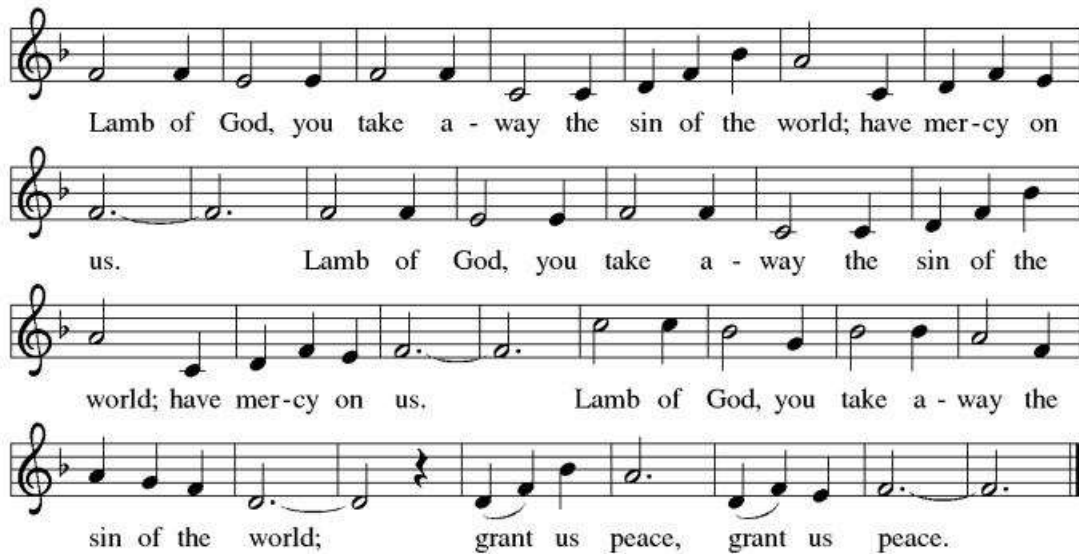
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

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.

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

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

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymns:

#496 "One Bread, One Body"

“Come to the Water”

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easv the load. and light, come to the Lord.

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 SONG

I'm dancing with the angels; I'm singing with the saints.
I feel the Holy Spirit moving in this place.
I'm celebrating Jesus, love like I've never known
From the Father, Son and Spirit flowing from the throne.

Refrain

There's a mighty river flowing from the throne of God, and from the Lamb,
flowing to believers bringing life to a thirsty land,
Flowing, giving hope to the hopeless, freedom from the curse of sin,
Flowing from the God who gives his children faith to follow him.

Oh, I want to be like Jesus! Oh, but how I need his grace
To overcome my fears and self protecting ways!
I can hear the Master calling; how I want to follow him!
He promised the Holy Spirit – will I trust in him?

POSTLUDE

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