

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

10:00 a.m.

***To Put the Love of Jesus Into Action,
As We Welcome, Serve and Love All People.***

(Mission Statement of Oak Grove Lutheran Church)



PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
vss. 1, 2 & 4

ELW 504

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

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Have Built This House on Faith

Chorale

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Always Reforming

HYMN of the DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**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:
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

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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, 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

Behold, God is making all things new. Welcome to God's table of grace.

DISTRIBUTION

O God beyond all Praising

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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.

BENEDICTION

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING FORTH HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
vss. 1 & 2

ELW 654

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Door Offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief

The door offerings given last week to help provide support for communities affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton totaled \$594. Thanks to everyone for giving so generously to those in need!

Assisting Minister Training Today

There will be a training session for those interested in serving as Assisting Minister today after worship at 11:00 am in the Library.

Defibrillator Training on Saturday, November 2

Have you ever noticed the AED (automated external defibrillator) mounted on the wall in the narthex? It is a portable device that can help save someone's life during sudden cardiac arrest. There will be a free, 90-minute, AED training session at Oak Grove on Saturday, November 2, starting at 11 am. All are encouraged to attend, especially worship volunteers. Please sign up in the office for this potentially life-changing training.

Coffee Hour to Celebrate Lidia Grabow on Sunday, November 3

All are invited to a coffee hour in honor of Lidia Grabow on Sunday, November 3, at 9 am. We are so grateful for her many years of service in the office at Oak Grove!

Core Values Statement, November 10

On Sunday, November 10, 11:00 am, we will hold a Congregational Gathering in the Fellowship Hall to write a Core Values Statement for the Oak Grove congregation. We will seek to work as quickly as we can at this gathering and hopefully get you home to see the Vikings!

Your input is very important! Everyone please make every effort to be at the gathering. We had excellent discussions and sharing at the previous gatherings, and you are needed again to share in composing this document.

Care Club Quilts

Oh, the warmth! The hearts and hands of the Care Club members have lovingly created quilts throughout the year which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. On November 10th, the warm, wonderful products of their labor will be displayed in the church draped across the pew backs. Additionally, two quilts – yes, two this year – will be put up for raffle at \$5 per ticket. You could be the winner of one of these works of art. All proceeds from the raffle go to support the Care Club for purchasing supplies that are not donated. Watch for ticket sales to begin soon in the narthex each Sunday.

Communion Feedback

Your feedback is needed on the way that we receive communion at Oak Grove. Do you prefer gathering at the altar (the "old way") or continuous communion, which was started during the pandemic? Please give this some thought and offer your feedback to a council member.

Tapestry Fundraiser on Saturday, November 16

Tapestry will once again be having their Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, November 16, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave S, in Bloomington. This was a fun event last year!

Hours will be 10:00 am to noon, with a breakfast brunch being served. They will also have a raffle again, along with the Silent Auction items. Come ready to support the Tapestry ministry and have an enjoyable morning! More information will be coming!

Make an Impact on Child Hunger in Minnesota, Wednesday, November 20

You are invited to join Thrivent and Every Meal in "Giving the Gift of Food" at Every Meal's very first packing-event-competition at Mall of America on Wednesday, November 20, 10 am - noon! Folks from Woodlake Lutheran, House of Prayer, and Oak Grove are coming together to form a team of 10 food packers.

Did you know in Minnesota...

- There are over 300,000 children living with food insecurity?
- 1 in 3 children miss a meal every other day?
- Every Meal provides Weekend Food Bags to nearly 12,000 students each week?
- There are over 150 schools waiting to receive Every Meal's Weekend Meal Program?

This devastating reality is what fuels this work and drives Every Meal to pack, deliver, and distribute, delicious, nutritious, and relevant food to Minnesota kiddos every week. Sign up in the office to be a part of this food packing event!