



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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

Drive Out the Darkness

Messenger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
giver of all life,
advocate of the forgotten,
breath of sabbath rest.

Amen.

Together we confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who provides,
**we confess that we are captive to greed, mistrust and despair.
We cannot free ourselves from habits of hoarding and complaining.**

God who remembers,
**we fear our neighbor's need and forget our dependence on you.
We spoil the gift of daily bread.**

God who delivers,
**we repent of seeing only scarcity and worrying about what we lack. We plead
for your presence; grant us rest, set us free, and teach us your generous ways.**

Children of God, there is more than enough. God's mercies are new every day.
Through Christ Jesus, the Bread of life, God gathers us together, forgives all our
sin, restores our strength and showers us in mercy.

Thanks be to God!

Take joy in God's abundant forgiveness, body and soul, and rise to serve with
boldness.

We await your day of jubilee. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

+ Please stand as you are able.

+ GATHERING SONG

Be Unto Your Name

Messenger

**We are a moment, you are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time
We are a vapor, you are eternal, Love everlasting reigning on high**

Refrain

**Holy, holy Lord God Almighty! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Highest praises honor and glory, be unto your name.
Be unto your name.**

**We are the broken, you are the healer,
Jesus, redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
bowing before you, blessing your name**

+ 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

We Are Called

Messenger

**We are called, we are claimed,
we are loved by the holy name.
We are healed, we are whole, the Savior ransomed our souls
And we're singing:**

**Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah! Glory Gloria, Oh,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah! Glory Gloria.**

**We are here to proclaim God is here, calls us each by name
We are here to give praise. The love of God will not change
And we're singing:**

+ PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Merciful God,
you have already given us the gifts and supplies and skills we need to answer your call. Come to us now and open our hearts, that we may be generous with the bounty you have placed in our midst. Center our work in Jesus Christ, our mercy seat and corner stone. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come to Jesus

Messenger

PSALM 150

Read responsively.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-11

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything,

you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
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+ GOSPEL Luke 12:32-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The ~~Impossible~~ Promise of Generosity

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

vss. 1, 2 & 4

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Ionian Creed

**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**

+ 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

When the Stars Burn Down

Messenger

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,

you sojourn with us through every wilderness and make sure that there is enough to go around. Accept these offerings of our labor and love. Extend the blessings of this table toward all who thirst and hunger, for you have already given us the food that endures and a fountain of mercy that never fails, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise you, O God, for this abundance we have shared at your table. Let all creation taste your goodness, and let our lives bear witness that no one is excluded from your love. May the kindness we have known here spread a sabbath mood over the week to come. You are so good to us, holy and almighty God.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

God of surpassing manna, gifts,
 God of more-than-enough at the edges,
 God, food for the journey,
 keep you in grace and sustain you, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SENDING FORTH SONG*A New Hallelujah*

Messenger

**Can you hear there's a new song,
 breaking out from the children of freedom.
 Ev'ry race and ev'ry nation, sing it out, sing a new hallelujah.**

**Let us sing love to the nations,
 bringing hope of the grace that has freed us
 Make it known and make him famous,
 sing it out, sing a new hallelujah**

**Arise, let the church arise, let love reach to the other side
 Alive, come alive, let the song arise.**

**Everyone sing a new song,
 reaching out with a new hallelujah
 Ev'ry son and ev'ry daughter, ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah**

**Arise, let the church arise, let love reach to the other side
 Alive, come alive, let the song arise.**

**Oh (oh) yeah (yeah)
 Let the song arise (Let the song arise) Yeah
 Let the song arise (Let the song arise)**

**Arise, let the church arise, Let love reach to the other side
Alive, come alive, let the song arise.
Everyone sing a new hallelujah!
Everyone sing a new hallelujah!**

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. There is more than enough.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship Wednesday, November 27, 7 pm

Join us on Wednesday, November 27, at 7 pm for the annual Richfield ELCA Collaboration Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fellowship, hosted by Woodlake Lutheran. Gathering with friends from Oak Grove, Tapestry, House of Prayer, and Woodlake, we'll sing and praise God for the abundant blessings in our lives. Note: the joint choir will meet to rehearse before the service at 6:15 pm.

Prayer Shawl Knitters Needed

Are you a knitter or have you always wanted to learn? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is going strong at Oak Grove and we'd love to have more shawls on hand for Pastor Lee to gift to those in need of comfort. We have enough yarn on hand for at least 10 shawls that may be used. If you are interested in knitting a shawl or donating supplies, please get in touch with Kathie Curry or Amy Hanson.

Communion Feedback

Thank you for your feedback about how we receive communion at Oak Grove! After much discussion, the Council decided that we will do "file by" communion going forward.

Poinsettia Orders

It is time to begin preparing for our celebration of Christ's birth! We will work together to prepare the sanctuary by ordering Christmas poinsettias. Please use the enclosed form to place your order and submit payment by **Monday, December 2**, indicating that the payment is for "Christmas Poinsettias".

OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Sunday School, South Lawn, SS Rooms

Monday, November 18

- 6:30 pm Transition Team, Library

Tuesday, November 19

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Library
- 10:00 am Care Club, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Esther Circle, Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 21

Friday, November 22

Offices Closed

Saturday, November 23

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Library
- 9:00 am Joy Bells Practice, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Holiday Craft Fair, Gym

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, Nov 27** Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7 pm at Woodlake Lutheran
- Sunday, Dec 15** Sunday School Program in Worship, 10 am
- Wednesday, Dec 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 4 pm and 10 pm
- Sunday, Dec 29** Service of Lessons and Carols, 10 am

Worship Leaders for Today, November 17

Assisting Minister: Dan Curry

Scripture Reader: Deanne Beaudet

Communion Servers: John Wigdahl and Nickie Wigdahl

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, November 24

Assisting Minister: Lisa Hoyne

Scripture Reader: Gordy Hanson

Communion Servers: Dan Curry and Mike Tveite

Media - Facebook Live: Les & Becky Hanson, Julie, Curt and Elisa Tvete,
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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