



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

10:00 A.M.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
7045 LYNDALE AVENUE 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

## WELCOME

### + THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

**+ GATHERING HYMN**                      *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*                      *ELW 364*  
vss. 1, 2 & 3

**+ 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**                      *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*                      *ELW 364*  
vss. 4 & 5

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray, O God of peace,  
**you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of  
the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in  
everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-  
pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PSALM** Psalm 23

*Read responsively.*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;

**he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;**

for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter

them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

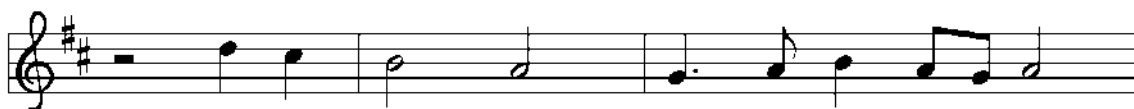
**ANTHEM**

*Sheperd Me, O God*

Chorale

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*ELW p. 151*



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 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
vss. 1, 3 & 6

ELW 502

**+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes with:

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with one another.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

## + OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

**you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in 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.

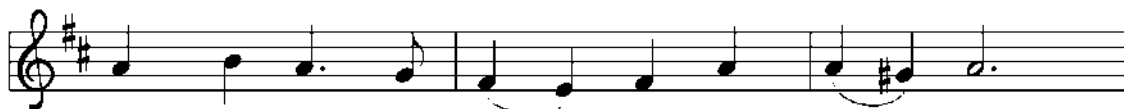
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+ SANCTUS

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 in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.



## LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 154



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

*What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

### BLESSING

#### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**+ BENEDICTION**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

**+ SENDING FORTH HYMN**

*You Servants of God*  
vss. 1, 2 & 4

*ELW 825*

**+ DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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Thanks to Pastor Lee Schaefer who is leading worship today while Pastor Lee is away.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Call Committee Update**

The Call Committee met on April 30<sup>th</sup> to conduct a mock interview with “Pastor Paul” (a fictional candidate played by Pastor Lee). The group got a sense of timing, learned to fine-tune some of their questions—and probe more deeply into certain topics. After the mock interview, Pastor Jen Collins (assistant to the bishop), met with the team to discuss the slate of interested candidates and review their Rostered Minister Profiles—this is a 12-page document that is much more in-depth than a typical resume. It covers each candidate's personal ministry statement, education, work history, competencies, reflections on ministry, and overall theological perspective.

The team has scheduled interviews with five promising candidates over the next three weeks. In early June, we hope to be able to select two or three of these candidates to participate in a second-round interview as the next stage of the call process.

### **May Plant Sale at Eisele Greenhouse**

For the month of May, purchase your spring gardening needs at Eisele Greenhouse in Lakeville and 15% of your sale will go to the Youth Camp Fund. Coupons are available in the office. Just bring the coupon with you when you visit the greenhouse, present it at checkout, and help send the Oak Grove Youth to Camp Wapo. Thank you!

### **Oak Grove at the MN Twins—Sunday, June 8**

Last year Oak Grove Lutheran Church members attended a Minnesota Twins baseball game. We have reserved another game this year! It will be on **Sunday, June 8, at 1:10 pm.**

The price is \$64, which includes admission to the game, food, and non-alcoholic beverages. A signup sheet is in the church office. Please make checks out to Terry Gambaiani. **Please sign-up and pay by Wednesday, May 14.** Tickets will be available after May 25.

If you have any questions, please talk with Terry Gambaiani, Gordy Hanson, John Grabow, or Carol Martin (all ushers for the Minnesota Twins). Note: we have 12 ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible seats.

– *Terry Gambaiani* (612) 270-6465.

## **Community Garden Sign Up Time**

This is our twelfth year for our Oak Grove Community Garden. And over these 12 years many gardeners have used our organic garden to grow their own vegetables, produce and herbs. It doesn't matter if you have a green thumb with years of experience or you're interested in just trying or you want your children or grandchildren to see how their food is grown – all are welcome!

What do our gardeners grow? Tomatoes, peppers, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, squash, green beans, cucumbers, herbs and much more. Vines (such as cucumbers and squash) should be contained on a trellis or something similar as we like to keep our woodchip pathways clear. We have 39 plots available.

The cost is still \$15 which helps pay for organic dirt, wood chips and other little items. You can call me or send me an email. Payment can be cash, checks or via your donation account.

– *Marilyn Jacobson* (612) 385-2520 or [Mmjacobson2@msn.com](mailto:Mmjacobson2@msn.com)

## **Greeting Card Ministry**

Are you crafty and do you enjoy making cards? Or do you happen to have greeting cards that you could donate? Oak Grove would like to start a program sending cards to those who are in our prayers – whether they are struggling with a particular issue, or just in our thoughts. Cards with a message of “Thinking of You”, “You’re in Our Prayers”, “Hello!”, blank, etc., may be brought to the office. Your donations could help to brighten someone’s day!

## **Join the Sound System Team**

We are looking for people to join the sound system team. You do not need to know anything about how to make it work. We will provide training on how to make sense out of all of those knobs and how to use them. We will sit with you while you are learning how to make changes during a service. We will stay with you while you are taking control but are not yet confident enough to go it alone. If you are interested, contact Curtis Tvete (email me at [curtis.tvete@comcast.net](mailto:curtis.tvete@comcast.net), or text me at 612-750-2820). Or leave your contact information with Amy Hanson in the church office.

## **Boiler Off**

The boiler at Oak Grove has been turned off for the season. If we happen to have a few days of cooler temps, please consider dressing to your comfort level.

## **Building Needs Forms**

If you happen to notice something in the building that needs attention or a supply that is running low, etc., please complete a Building Needs form. The forms are located on a small table just outside of the office; completed forms may be left on the table or brought to the office. Basic cleaning is done by a cleaning company 9 am to 1 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (vacuuming, bathrooms, trash, dusting, floors, etc.), but it would be helpful if everyone could wash their own dishes, clean up rooms when done, clean out coffee pots, etc. All of us working together can keep our building comfortable and functioning smoothly!

## **Setting-Up for Events**

If you are having an event at Oak Grove and have a special set-up in mind (tables, chairs, etc.), please pick up an Event Set-Up Help form in the office, complete it and turn in to the office. The Set-Up Team will assist as they are able.

## **Quiet in the Sanctuary**

With the new camera system, we have noticed that it easily picks up sound in the sanctuary, particularly before and after the service. Please be aware of this and come into the sanctuary quietly and whisper if conversation is needed. Thanks!

## **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.

## **OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day**

- 9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 am Chorale Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, May 12**

### **Tuesday, May 13**

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

### **Wednesday, May 14**

- 9:30 am Bible Study

### **Thursday, May 15**

### **Friday, May 16**

Offices closed

### **Saturday, May 17**

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Library

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 18** – Graduate Recognition in Worship, 10 am

**Saturday, May 24** – Funeral for Arnie Moe, 11 am, with Visitation at 10 am

**Saturday, May 24** – Flute Recital, 2 pm, Greg Peterson's Flute Students and Morva Klein

**Worship Leaders for Sunday, May 11**  
**Assisting Minister:** Michele Myroniuk  
**Reader:** Carol Swenson  
**Communion Servers:** Bev Hummel and Carol Swenson

**Worship Leaders for next Sunday, May 18**  
**Assisting Minister:** Mike Tveite  
**Reader:** Becky Hanson  
**Communion Servers:** Caren Olson and Phil Olson

**Media – Facebook Live:** Les and Becky Hanson, Julie, Curtis and Elisa Tvette

**Sound Team:** Hermès Radison, Al Tuff, and Curtis Tvette

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*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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