



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 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

East St. Paul Recorder Orchestra

In the Cross of Christ I Glory by Ithamar Conkey

Agnus Dei by Bradford Wright

Holy Art Thou by George Frederick Handel

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

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

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.

vss. 1 & 5

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands

5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, Eternal and all-merciful God,
with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 118:1-9, 27-29

Read responsively.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

**Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

**With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?**

The Lord is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.**

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes.

**The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 175

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system includes the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second system repeats the same lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

+ GOSPEL John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yard off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

SERMON

I Forgive You

HYMN OF THE DAY

I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

Madison Vasquez Ruiz, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

Parents and sponsors do you promise to nurture Madison in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Madison, and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask us all to profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that deny God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in the God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that as Madison is washed in the waters of baptism, she may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Madison Vasquez Ruiz, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Madison, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Madison, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia!

Representative of the Congregation: Madison, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Madison, the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and hearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

+ 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

East St. Paul Recorder Orchestra

He Lives by Alfred Henry Ackley

+ 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** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* ELW 413

vs. 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

+ **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

vss. 1 & 3

ELW p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

All Creatures, Worship God Most High
vss. 1, 2, 5 & 6

ELW 835

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

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

+ 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

East St. Paul Recorder Orchestra

Jesus Christ is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

In Holy Baptism today, Madison Vasquez Ruiz is reborn a child of God. Madison's parents are Consuelo Ruiz and Victor Vasquez. Her sponsors are Abba and Javier Jacobsen.

Many thanks to the East St. Paul Recorder Orchestra for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today. The group was founded and directed by Alex Carlson and members include: Rebecca Winker, Jeffrey Saarela, Diane Maus, Jeanne Rubbo and Roger Kwong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace & Justice Team – Organizing Meeting/Kick-Off

Following our two-part series on Christian Nationalism, several people expressed interest in a group that would explore ongoing social justice issues, become educated about divisive topics, and brainstorm activities that Oak Grove members and other interested community members could participate in to live out our mission “to put the love of Jesus into action as we welcome, serve, and love all.”

For those interested in participating, we’ll be holding an organizing meeting/kick-off today, **Sunday, May 4th**, downstairs immediately following the service, to brainstorm ideas and goals for this group, as well as determine a schedule for monthly meetings.

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

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.

Noisy Offering Makes an Impact!

The Noisy Offering total on Palm Sunday was \$637.21. Thanks to everyone for your generosity! This will be added to the Youth Camp Fund and divided among the 2025 campers.

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, or text me at 612-750-2820). Or leave your contact information with Amy Hanson in the church office.

Meals on Wheels

Dear Oak Grove Friends,

On Sunday, April 6th, there was a door offering after the service benefiting Meals on Wheels. An amount of \$324 was collected. Thank you to all of you who donated! A big thank you too to those of you who have contacted me to volunteer to drive and deliver meals to Richfield residents. Once again, I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring congregation! If you wish to donate to Crosstown Meals on Wheels, or know someone who could benefit receiving meals at their home, go to the CMOW webpage at www.crosstownmow.com to find out how.

With Deep Appreciation, *Becky Hanson, OG CMOW Coordinator*

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 form in the office, complete it and turn in to the office. The Set-Up Team will assist as they are able.

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.

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 EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 4

- 9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
Peace and Justice Team Kick-Off Meeting, after worship
- 11:00 am Sunday School, SS Rooms and South Lawn

Monday, May 5

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Library
- 10:00 am Care Club, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 6:30 pm Lydia-Ruth Circle Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, May 7

- 9:30 am Bible Study — Won't meet this week

Thursday, May 8

Friday, May 9

Offices closed

Saturday, May 10

- 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 and Morva Klein

Worship Leaders for Sunday, May 4
Assisting Minister: Lisa Hoyne
Reader: Randy Hummel
Communion Servers: Margaret Olson and Kelli Olson

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

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

Sound Team: Hermès Radison, Al Tuff, and Curtis Tvete

*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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