

Time after Pentecost
September 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at Oak Grove Lutheran Church.
Please know that you are welcome, no exceptions!

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"*

WELCOME

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 #774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



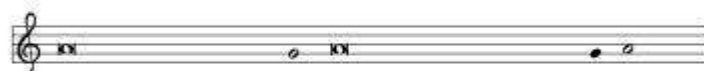
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN of PRAISE #886 vs. 1 & 6 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv’n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav’n.*

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Gracious God,

through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the

Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.
10From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

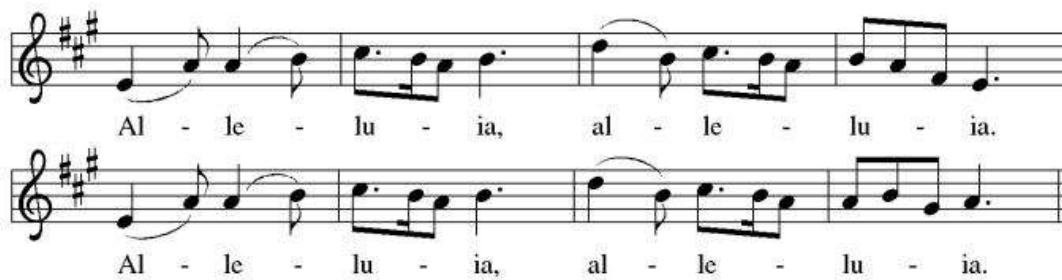
ANTHEM

"Fill This House with Grace"

Chorale

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

MARK 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and

be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY #783 *"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"*

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:
*Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.***

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us this day 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

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.

forever. Amen.

LAMB of GOD

INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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DISTRIBUTION

Hymns: #494 *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*
#810 vss. 1. 2 & 4 *"O Jesus. I Have Promised"*

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 almighty,
God most merciful,
Creator, Christ and Spirit (+)
bless you, keep you and give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

Thanks be to God.

SENDING FORTH HYMN #660 vss. 1 & 4 *"Lift High the Cross"*

POSTLUDE

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