



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

MARCH 2, 2025

10:00 A.M.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
7045 LYNDAL 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

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94-96

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

Beautiful Savior
vss. 1, 3 & 4

ELW 838

+ 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

This is the Feast

ELW p. 149

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



! Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Continued...

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, Holy God, mighty and immortal,
**You are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so
that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM 46

Read responsively.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

+ GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*God is Still Speaking,
Are We
Listening?*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

+ CONFESSON 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.**

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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:
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

God of grace,
your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.
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

ELW 190

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.

Continued...

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 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. 112-113



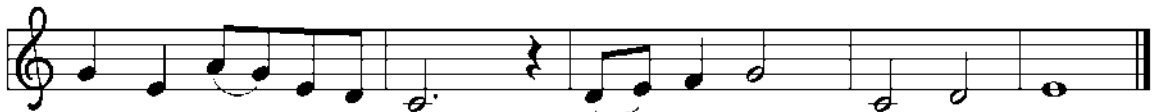
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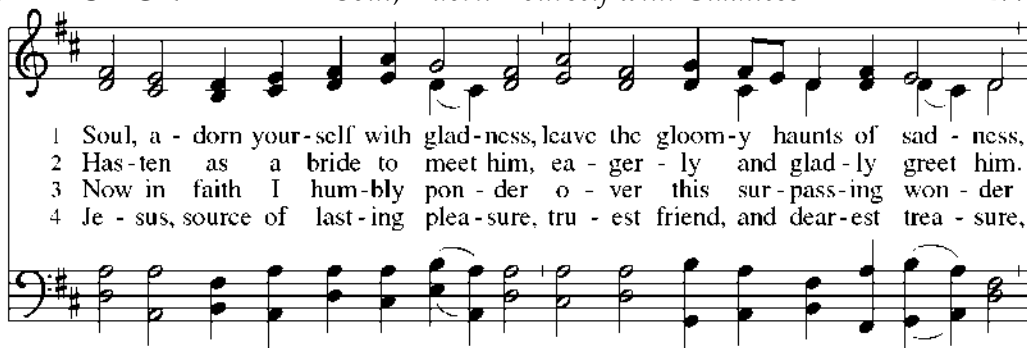


world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

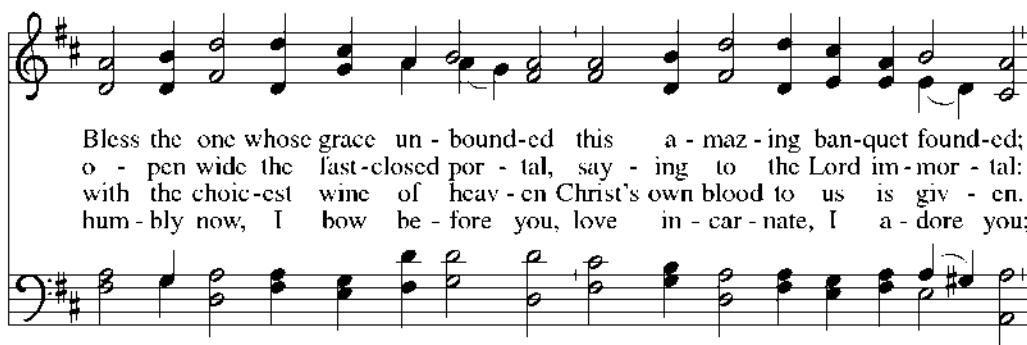
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
 o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav' n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

BLESSING

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

+ SENDING FORTH HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God ELW 866
vs. 1 – We are marching...
vs. 2 – We are praying...
vs. 3 – We are going...

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responding to Christian Nationalism

‘Christian’ nationalism may sound like a good thing because it uses the word Christian. And the people who advocate for ‘Christian’ nationalism do think of themselves as Christian. However, they stand for things that we in our tradition identify as contrary to the Gospel.”
– ELCA Advocacy Statement

In a two-session series, Mary Beth Mohn and Pastor Lee will share an opportunity to explore an ideology known as ‘Christian nationalism’. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on: **Sunday, March 16, 11:05 a.m. & Sunday, March 23, 11:05 a.m.**

Next Week: Daylight Saving Time

Remember, Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 9. We will “spring ahead” one hour. Set your clocks ahead on Saturday night so that you don’t miss worship on Sunday morning!

Memorial Easter Garden

Easter is just around the corner! We will order flowers for a Memorial Easter Garden. Flowers included: Easter lily, tulip (yellow, purple, pink, orange), and mum (yellow, white). Please use the enclosed order form and include payment with your order (checks to Oak Grove Lutheran Church and marked “Easter Garden”). Your order may be left in the offering plate or in the church office. Please be sure to note if you would like to dedicate the plant(s) “In memory of...” or “In honor of...” someone – this will be included in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin. Orders must be received by **Monday, March 31.**

Building Security Reminder

If you are part of a group using the building in the evening or on the weekend, please double-check that *all* doors (especially office, library, and external doors) are locked and latched behind you, and all room and hall lights are turned off. If you know that others remain in the building, it’s a good idea to touch base with them about locking up to make sure that the building is left secure. Through all our efforts, our church building will remain safe and secure.

Got Pop Cans?

We are still collecting pop cans (and only pop cans) in the trash can outside the elevator on the bottom level. The money goes toward helping kids go to camp!

Sunday Coffee Hour

Did you know that there is a coffee hour downstairs in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning from 9-10 am before worship? Great fellowship and treats—come join us!

The Messenger Coming Via Email in April

Starting in April, *The Messenger* newsletter will be coming to you via email! You are set to receive the newsletter if you have been receiving the weekly “What’s happening at Oak Grove Lutheran Church,” email updates in your inbox. Please let Amy know if you would like to add your email address to the distribution list. Paper copies of *The Messenger* will be available in the narthex and office. If you prefer to have a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you, please let Amy know at (612) 869-4917 or amy@oakgrovelutheran.org.

Sponsor a Camper!

Your support of our Oak Grove youth is always appreciated, especially this year with the cost of attending Camp Wapo increasing 8%. The Youth will have multiple fundraisers this year, but it would be very helpful if you are able to sponsor a camper or two. Please reach out to Kelli Olson for more information. Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of our youth!

Kelli Olson & Your Oak Grove Youth

Building Needs Forms

If you see something around the building the needs attention, please find a yellow Building Needs form on the small table outside of the church office. You may note whether it concerns a need for “cleaning,” “consumables”, “repair” or “other” and describe the issue. Please leave your name and date, so that we may follow-up as needed.

Building Key Inventory

The building key inventory is going strong. Over 50 keys have been recorded—thanks to everyone who has brought their keys in for imprinting and logging. Please check your key collections at home and bring any keys to the office for this inventory. Working together, we can keep our church building secure!

RECOMMENDED SYNOD RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ACTIONS

You have likely heard the news that protections for churches, schools, and hospitals from searches by ICE agents have been rescinded. These actions are intended to provoke fear in the lives of our immigrant neighbors and community members. They violate the freedoms and calling of churches and disrupt the good work that God calls us to do. As these potential actions of federal agencies like ICE are not friendly to our purpose or mission, I am writing with clear guidance for leaders on how to handle the hopefully unlikely event of an ICE audit or raid at Oak Grove Lutheran Church:

1. **If ICE agents show up at Oak Grove Lutheran Church looking to enter the building, staff, leaders, and community members should not talk with them.** Immigration agents can only enter private areas with a judicial warrant or if they are given permission to enter. Staff should respond simply by saying, "I can't give you permission to enter. You must speak with my employer." If pressed, they should only repeat the same: "You are not allowed to enter. Talk to my employer." Note: It is recommended that churches clearly designate "private spaces" using signage. The narthex, sanctuary, hallway, and fellowship hall are open to the public on Sundays, but we could make it clearer that the entire building is not open to the public on other days, and we could also designate spaces that are always private (classrooms and offices).
2. **If ICE agents show up at Oak Grove Lutheran Church looking to enter the building, it should be reported immediately to the Pastor, Council President, and office staff.** It is important that an appropriate leader be present to review warrants, provide order and calm, and document any ICE activity. These leaders will be given further guidance on how to handle the situation.
3. **Know your rights...the U.S. Constitution protects individuals from "unreasonable search and seizure" (4th Amendment) and gives individuals "the right to remain silent" (5th Amendment).** Even if a judicial warrant is presented, staff and others present are not required to answer questions about the whereabouts of a specific person, and they are not required to take them to a person named on a warrant. Running or

leaving can be interpreted as a potential violation of immigration law, so it is best to remain calm and silent.

4. **If ICE agents show up at Oak Grove Lutheran Church looking to do a "Form I-9 Audit," do not provide any document immediately to the agents.** Employers have 3 workdays to provide documents. In the event of an audit, it is important to consult with an immigration lawyer and have any requests handled by the appropriate church leaders.

It grieves us that we must think about and prepare for the possibility of federal agents trying to enter the church and/or childcare center. We should remember that the reality for immigrant and minority neighbors being targeted is far worse. Christ calls us to have courage and do the work of compassion and justice to which we have been called: to love our neighbors as ourselves. If you need more information, please talk to Pastor Lee or Julie Tvette. Here is a helpful document from the National Immigration Law Center with additional details:

<https://www.nilc.org/resources/a-guide-for-employers-what-to-do-if-immigration-comes-to-your-workplace/>

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, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

Tuesday, March 4

- 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, March 5—Ash Wednesday

- 9:30 am Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 5:00 pm 8th Grade Mentoring and Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 6

- 6:30 pm Call Committee Meeting, Library

Friday, March 7

- Offices Closed
- 5:00 pm Crafters Group

Saturday, March 8

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Library
- 9:00 am Joy Bells Practice, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 9 — Daylight Saving Time Begins

Tuesday, March 11 — Call Committee Meeting, 5 pm; Council Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesdays: March 12, 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9 — Lenten Worship, 7 pm

Sundays, March 16, 23 — Forum: Responding to Christian Nationalism, 11:05 am

Tuesday, March 18 — Funeral for LaVone Studlien, 11 am, Visitation at 10 am

Monday, March 31 — Easter flower orders due

Tuesday, April 8 — Council Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday, April 17 — Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 pm, House of Prayer

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, March 2

Assisting Minister: Dan Curry

Scripture Reader: Jeanne Hanson

Communion Servers: Margaret Olson and Jan Philibert

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, March 9

Assisting Minister: Lisa Hoyne

Scripture Reader: Margie Risch

Communion Servers: Caren Olson and Phil Olson

Media – Facebook Live: Les and Becky Hanson; Julie, Curtis and Elisa Tvete;
Pam Krause; and Kathie Curry

Sound Team: Hermès Radison, Al Tuff, Mike Tveite, 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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