

**Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 1, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**



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

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

*(silence for reflection)*

Most gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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**GATHERING HYMN #824 vss. 1 & 2 "This Is My Father's World"**

## **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 #848 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"**

Give to our God immortal praise!  
Mercy and truth are all his ways.  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
the King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure  
when lords and kings are known no more!

## **PRAYER of the DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray, O God our strength,

**without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Psalm 15**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be over thrown.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING- James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The holy gospel according to St. John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**      *"Doers of the Word"*

**HYMN of the DAY** #669 vss. 1, 3 & 5 *"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*

**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:  
*Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

## **SHARING of the PEACE**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here. your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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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:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!  
(ELW # 413)

## **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.

### **LAMB of GOD**

### **INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **DISTRIBUTION**

Hymn #712 *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

### **PRAYER after COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
**we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.**  
**As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to**  
**love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
(+) be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING HYMN** #879 vs. 1, 4 & 5 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **THREE BIBLE STUDIES at Oak Grove Lutheran**

**-Tuesday Bible Study-** 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Begins meeting again on September 10. This fall the study will be on the book of Acts using material written by Max Lucado. Join the group to learn more about the messages of Acts.

**-Wednesday Morning Bible Study** 9:30- 10:30 a.m. (this opportunity continues throughout the year). The group uses the *"Daily Discipleship"* material printed by the ELCA for congregations. Come and join the group in lively discussion and questions on the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday! Meets in the Fireside Room.

**-Saturday Morning Men's** 8:00-9:00 a.m. (this opportunity continues throughout the year). Join men of the congregation in fellowship, study and learning in the library each Saturday morning.

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