



**Oak Knoll's Mission:
Growing the Fruits of God's
Kingdom**
Galatians 5:22-23

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2020
9:30 AM
Welcome to worship at Oak Knoll!

PRELUDE *10 Preludes for the Piano --- Carlos Chávez (1899-1978)*
 V. Cantabile

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

☞ **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Holy One,

☞ **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

☞ Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. of the world.

☞ **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Red Hymnal 822



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE (from ELW liturgy Setting Six pages 165-166)

Cantor: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

ALL: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. .*

ALL: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: *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.*

ALL: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

ALL: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

ALL: 
A - men.

Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
 trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
 Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this
 far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

1 Just remember
 the good things God has done,
 things that seemed impossible;
 oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.

2 Don't be discouraged
 with trouble in your life;
 he'll bear your burdens,
 and move all the discord and strife.

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 Music: THIS FAR BY FAITH, Albert A. Goodson
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray together.

☞ **God, whose fondness for humanity knows no limit, Write your word upon our hearts, so that we need no scroll, no book, no script to know that you love us. Show us the power of your covenant, that you will be faithful to us, even when we fail to remain faithful to you. For the beauty of your word inscribed upon us, we pray, in the name of the one whose body and blood became your new covenant with us, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

PREACHING TEXT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Red Hymnal 588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

APOSTLES' CREED

- ☒ 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.

The word Creed comes from the Latin term *credo*, meaning, "I believe." The Apostles' Creed was not written by the first apostles, but was based on their teachings. Its origins go back before 200 A.D. The Apostles' Creed was used 1) to instruct new members, 2) to create community among Christians by defining the content of the faith, and 3) to draw the line between accepted and rejected beliefs.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence. After each petition:

- ☒ Let us pray to the Lord,



Red Hymnal 179



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

Text and music: Ralph C. Sappington, b. 1952
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In the first letter of Peter, the church is described as the priesthood of all believers. The work of the priesthood is to mediate between God and people. Prayer is part of that work; in our prayer we invite God to work in the world and in the lives of people.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Recercar Cromaticho post il Credo (Chromatic Ricercar to follow the Creed) --- Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Please take time this week to give online, mail in, or give by text at 855.389.3312. Complete directions are on the Church website under the 'give' tab.

THE 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.**

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

☐ May the God of all creation, in whose image you are made, who claims you and calls you beloved, who strengthens you for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

☑ **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace is a visible, concrete way we reach out to the members of God's family around us. We show our willingness to be agents of God's love and peace in the world in which we live. The opening words are from Galatians 3:28.

SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

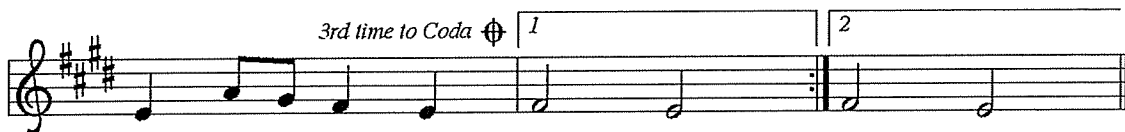
Red Hymnal 208



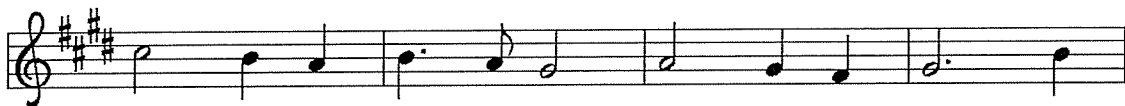
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
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Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

- Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Four Seasonal Sketches --- Betty Jackson King (1928-94)
 III. Autumn Dance

Zoom Coffee Hours after Worship - Begins again Today, Sunday, November 22nd

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: **Nov 22, 2020 10:30AM** Central Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvc-yurDkjHtLxSwOmZECcT0ZHwKuwi3Pu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Email Book Study for Parents of Young Children

Pastor Michele will be leading a study of Sarah Bessey's book *Out of Sorts* starting on **Monday November 30**. The study is designed for people, especially parents, whose lives do not allow for "regularly scheduled" attendance at Zoom meetings. It will be carried out via an email chain, (along with an optional Zoom kick-off at 6pm on Monday November 30). Each week the group will read one chapter and discuss that chapter via email comments, questions and responses.

Out of Sorts is from popular progressive author, Sarah Bessey, and should help us wrestle with—and sort out—our faith using both beautiful storytelling and biblical teaching.

If you are interested in joining this study, contact Pastor Michele at pastor.michele@oklutheran.org to get on the email chain. The book is available on Amazon for \$14 paperback and \$10 Kindle.

Charitable Gifts in 2020

Most taxpayers take advantage of the standard deduction when they are filing their Federal Income Tax Returns. The CARES Act provides an additional, "above-the-line" charitable deduction on top of the standard deduction for these taxpayers.

Taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions can take a one-time deduction of up to \$300 for gifts made to Oak Knoll Lutheran Church. The deduction applies ONLY for gifts of cash made in the calendar year 2020.

If you are not itemizing on your 2020 taxes, you can claim this new deduction.



PCYC
Bright Futures in Action

PCYC is November’s Ministry Partner

Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) is a voluntary health, education, and welfare organization that was founded in 1954 to serve children and youth in the inner city of Minneapolis. Their mission is to enrich the skills, prospects, and spirit of North

Minneapolis area youth and adults, in partnership with families and communities

Every holiday season for the past 55 years, PCYC has transformed its campus into a gift store where North Minneapolis youth shop for their loved ones. This year, as you might imagine, they had to reimagine this event.

First and foremost, PCYC staff, board and community members considered the safety of children and families in North Minneapolis, where COVID-19 continues to take its toll at a more aggressive pace. They considered the logistics of sorting gifts, creating the “holiday store,” and the advisability of gathering hundreds of volunteers to assist with the event. After contemplating many options they decided, this year, to scale back, be safe, and distribute gift cards to current PCYC families who can use them as they wish and in a way that will bring them joy.

PCYC’s 2020 
Reimagined
Children’s Gift Sale

PCYC’s 2020 Children’s Gift Sale needs our help!

This December, they will distribute gift cards to PCYC families, to be spent on food or gifts this holiday season. All donated funds will be divided among the eligible families.

Donations must be received by Tuesday, December 8.

Donate to the 2020 Children’s Gift Sale by **December 8**, at <https://pcyc-mpls.org/gift-sale-donation/> or by check mailed to 2210 Oliver Ave. N., Minneapolis MN, 55411.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 12 Oak Knoll Parking Lot @ 3:00pm

We are planning a fun outdoor Christmas celebration for our Oak Knoll community.

Save the date now and watch for more details in the newsletter!

ICA - Community Food & Hygiene Drive

From ICA: "As we remain focused on and committed to our local community, we are also coming together to support the impacted neighborhoods of South Minneapolis, North Minneapolis, and the Midtown/Lake Street area. In partnership with 23 community organizations, we will be participating in a monthly community food & hygiene drive. Items will be distributed to Calvary Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis, Gethsemane Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis, YWCA in the Midtown/Lake Street area, and ICA Food Shelf."



Donation Drop-Off Site

ICA Food Shelf | 11588 K-Tel Drive | Minnetonka, MN 55343

Tuesdays from 12:00 - 2:00 pm
November 24

Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00 pm
November 28

ICA will also keep their website updated with any additional needs requested by the greater community. View the list here: [icafoodshelf.org/current-needs](https://www.icafoodshelf.org/current-needs)

Volunteers Needed

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aa8a62ca7fd0-community4>

ICA Food Shelf will once again be distributing turkeys and all the fixings to our neighbors in need. Last year, they provided these meals to about 800 families. Here is a link with all the information pertaining to the Holiday Meal/Turkey program: <https://www.icafoodshelf.org/turkey>

\$20

Thanks for your donation!
\$20 will provide a turkey
and all the fixings for a
holiday meal to a local
family in need this
holiday season.

It's Turkey Time!

Provide holiday food for a family
in need this Thanksgiving &
Holiday Season



ICA's your local food shelf, providing food support to our neighbors in need in Hopkins, Minnetonka, Excelsior, Shorewood, Deephaven, Greenwood, and Woodland

Donate online at [icafoodshelf.org/turkey](https://www.icafoodshelf.org/turkey).

Turkey Certificates: To support this important program, we are invited to "sell" turkey certificates. Every \$20 donation will provide a turkey and all the fixings for a holiday meal to a local family in need this holiday season. This year, ICA anticipated that most participating congregations would like to do so virtually/online so have created a special online donation form: <https://www.icafoodshelf.org/turkey-donation>.

Please note, there is a place on the form to indicate a congregation. Enter Oak Knoll so we can record how much our congregation has donated and how many meals we were able to provide.

Volunteer Opportunities: If anyone would like to volunteer for this program, there are two opportunities:

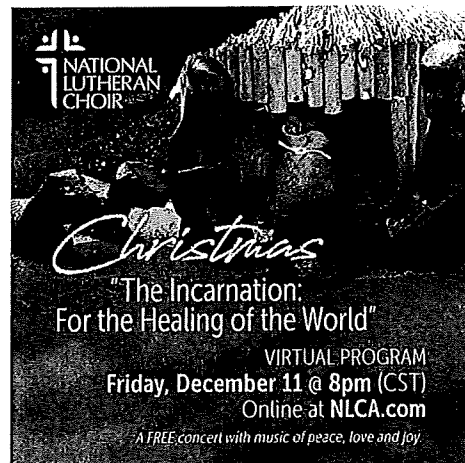
"Sell" Turkey Certificates at Cub Foods, Friday/Saturday, November 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aa8a62ca7fd0-turkey3>

Turkey Distribution Day, Saturday, November 21: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aa8a62ca7fd0-turkey4>

National Lutheran Choir

For a season-long Virtual Subscription to exclusive content (\$10/month), visit NLCA.com.

Much like a season ticket, the Virtual Subscription is a great way to stay engaged with the Choir during this time when singers and audiences are unable to safely gather for live performances.



The National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival comes to audiences **FREE** in a virtual, multi-media format on December 11. *The Incarnation: For the Healing of the World* brings music from around the globe announcing the birth of Christ with messages of peace and joy that nothing – not even a pandemic – can take away.

Friday, December 11, 2020 – 8pm (CST) @ NLCA.com *This online presentation is FREE for all.*

Preschool Job Opportunities

With our program continuing to grow, we are looking for a classroom aide in the afternoons. The hours are from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Job responsibilities include helping clean up from snack, art prep, classroom cleanup, playing with the children and other tasks assigned by the teacher. Aides must be 16 years of age.

We are also looking to add a teacher in December for our Ladybug classroom. The hours would be from 7:30am-1:30pm. All candidates for this position must be teacher qualified through DHS. Job responsibilities would include planning age appropriate lessons, managing the classroom with your co-teachers, communicating with families, and caring for our young 2 & 3-year-old friends. If you are interested or know someone that would be a great fit for our program, please contact Kathryn Glorvick at preschool@oklutheran.org or call 952-334-8200.

Ongoing activities at Oak Knoll

Sunday Worship: Available each week on Sunday on our YouTube channel.

Online Sunday School: Sundays at 10:45 - 11:30am.

Online Confirmation: Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:15pm.

Email Book Study for Parents of Young Children: This book study led by Pastor Michele begins Monday, November 30, 2020. See page 10 for more information.

Women's Bible Study: This study has already started but newcomers are still welcome. This study every Monday at 9:30am via Zoom. Contact the church office if you are interested. Pew Sisters: Real women. Real lives. Real stories of God's Faithfulness by Katie Schuermann is our first study tool for the new season.

Staff Meeting: Staff meets every other week via Zoom on Tuesdays.

Worship Planning

The staff Worship Planning team meets twice monthly via Zoom on Tuesdays.

Church Council & Executive Team

Our Church Council is meeting on their usual monthly schedule via Zoom.

Reopen Team

This group meets regularly to plan Oak Knoll's worship and facility reopen plan.

Tech Team

This group meets regularly to discuss options and issues for such things as drive in worship, livestreaming worship and other new opportunities.

Prayer Chain

Email prayers are sent out to the prayer chain when a prayer is requested from members of the Oak Knoll Community. If you have a prayer request or would like to be a part of this email chain please contact the church office.

Oak Knoll Online Giving

You can go directly to Oak Knoll's Online Giving page through <http://oklutheran.org/give.asp> and click on the 'Give' button on the top right of the page.

Give by Text

To get started, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 855.389.3312. You will then receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "process". After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



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Cantor: Deborah Heltzer

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Oak Knoll's Congregational Prayer

How are you doing at memorizing our congregational prayer? Here it is in case you need it again: ***O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***