



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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Welcome to worship at Oak Knoll!

PRELUDE

Musical selections from John Hermanson and Robert Ragoonanan

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

Red Hymnal 556

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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.**

OPENING DIALOGUE

- Ⓟ You are the treasured people of the Lord,
- Ⓒ **a people holy to the Lord our God.**
- Ⓟ Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.
- Ⓒ **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**
- Ⓟ One does not live by bread alone,
- Ⓒ **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Red Hymnal 858, stanzas 1, 4

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

PRAYER OF THE DAY

📖 The Lord be with you.

📖 **And also with you.**

📖 Let us pray.

📖 **Lord God, grand architect of the universe, Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made whole once again. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden.

📖 The word of the Lord. 📖 **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Jay Rudi

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Red Hymnal 684

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934
 Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- P** In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**
P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
C **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**

- P** Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**
P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- P** If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

- P** God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.
C **Amen.**

PEACE

- P** Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And may the God of love and peace will be with you.
C **And also with you.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

John Hermanson, solo

As you leave the parking lot today, you may leave an offering in the orange bucket at the exit or give online. Thank you for supporting our ministry together!

THE PRAYERS

- P** As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

A brief silence. After each petition:

- C** **We pray to you,**



Spirit Intercede For Us, By John Hermanson

- P** All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ⓟ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

☪ **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 and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

☪ **Amen.**

Ⓟ May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

☪ **Amen.**

Ⓟ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

☪ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Let All Things Now Living*

Red Hymnal 881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bear Dance --- Béla Bartók (1881-1945)

Drive-in Worship is September 13, 2020 9:30am in the Oak Knoll West Parking Lot

Please follow these guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy worship experience for everyone who attends:

- Bulletins will be distributed via email before the service - please print at home or follow along digitally in your car. Hard copies of the bulletin will NOT be distributed on site.
- Please arrive between 9:10 – 9:30am.
- The service will last 30-40 minutes.
- Consider bringing a shade of some kind to block the sun coming in from your car's side window.
- You may also turn on your engine and run your air conditioner if it gets too hot.
- Parking ushers will direct you to a parking space. Cars will be parked in every other parking space.
- There will only be one entrance to the parking lot – all other entrances will be blocked off.
- Make sure you know how to tune your radio to an FM frequency. Instruction will be provided when you arrive as to the frequency.
- All congregants are to remain in their cars for the entirety of the service.
- If your windows are open and you are singing, please wear a mask.
- Parishioners should not sit in the beds of open-air pick-up trucks.
- The building will be closed so NO bathroom facilities will be available.
- Communion will not be celebrated at this service.
- At the conclusion of the service, your car will be ushered out of the parking lot.
- Offering will be collected at the exits with a receptacle using physical distancing. Our online giving options are also encouraged.
- If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past two weeks, please stay home to keep others safe.

If you are unable to join us, this service will also be recorded and available on our YouTube channel on Monday, September 14th.

Oak Knoll's 2020 OK5K - Closes at Midnight today!

Oak Knoll's 2020 OK5K will now be a virtual race on the weekend of **September 12-13!** RACE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT (go to link for full instructions) <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Minnetonka/OK5K> This is a family friendly, virtual run/walk 5K aimed at uniting the Oak Knoll neighborhood. All net proceeds supporting the local metro area ICA Food Shelf to help end local area hunger. We thank you for your participation in this event and support of this important cause. Stay well, *OK5K Race Staff*

Fall Drive In Services

Our next fall Drive-in services are scheduled for the **2nd and 4th Sundays of September and October, all at 9:30am.**

Women's Bible Study

The women of Oak Knoll Lutheran are starting a new season of Bible study and fellowship **Monday, September 14th**. You are warmly invited to participate in learning about God's Word and share in the discussions of how The Word is active in daily life as women. The group meets every Monday morning from 9:30-11:00. Due to the pandemic, we will be meeting outdoors by the West parking lot of the Church (weather permitting) and using the safe practices of distancing and mask wearing.

Pew Sisters: Real women. Real lives. Real stories of God's Faithfulness by Katie Schuermann is our first study tool for the new season. The book shares the stories of women of faith who have experienced pain and doubt in their lives. Expect heartfelt, supportive conversations and celebration in God's steadfastness.

It is very helpful to know who will be attending, so please call or email the church office to sign up for the study (churchoffice@oklutheran.org). The book Pew Sisters can be ordered online through Amazon or, if you'd like, a copy can be ordered for you, just let the church office know when you sign up. The cost of the book is \$15.00

Book Study - The Bible Tells Me So

Please join us for ***The Bible Tells Me So...Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable To Read It***, a book study with Pastor Jay. We will meet **Mondays 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5, 7 - 8pm via Zoom.**

From author Peter Enns, "What if the Bible is fine just the way it is? Not a well behaved Bible, where everything lines up and makes sense, but the messy, troubling, and weird Bible we actually have? What if the Bible doesn't need to be protected and defended, but understood—just as it is? What if the real problem isn't the Bible but the false expectations we sometimes bring to it? Perhaps, when we let the Bible be the Bible rather than what we expect it ought to be—or need it to be—we will find a deeper faith in the process." Peter Enns, is the Abram S. Clemens Professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. To sign-up please email Pastor Jay at pastor.jay@oklutheran.org.

Preschool Openings

Oak Knoll Christian Preschool has openings for preschool and child care beginning in September. Our program serves children ages 2-5. If you would like more information about our program, please contact Kathryn Glorvick at preschool@oklutheran.org. Our preschool year begins Thursday, September 10th.

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.***

LSS Celebration for Changing Lives, Sept. 19, 2020:

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota's (LSS) mission expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community. This fall as our community and our state are facing numerous, historic challenges LSS has been and will be there, responding to these challenges by meeting the most urgent needs of our neighbors – just as they have for the past 155 years.

Oak Knoll has been a faithful supporter of LSS through the years and we hope to continue that support. We are asking any and all interested members to join LSS online for the **2020 Celebration for Changing Lives on Saturday, September 19; 6:45pm virtual reception, 7:30pm livestream.**

Gifts at this virtual gala help LSS respond to the most urgent needs of our neighbors. And there are matching gifts available to increase your generosity. Please visit **Issmn.org/celebration** to register for the Celebration or to make a gift today.

Email Pastor Michele (pastor.michele@oklutheran.org) if you are interested in joining other members of Oak Knoll at a Virtual House Party the night of the Celebration!!

Live Streaming Sunday Services Begin Sunday, September 20th

Beginning **Sunday, September 20**, we are moving from pre-recorded services to live streaming our worship services from the Oak Knoll sanctuary on non-drive-in service dates. We will also continue live-streaming our drive-in services. These options are available on Oak Knoll's YouTube channel at **9:30am on Sundays**. We are excited to make this transition and we hope that you will participate in real time.

We are also exploring opportunities for people to visit online with a virtual coffee hour after worship beginning in October.

Live Stream Piano Recital

On **September 26th at 7:30pm** Music Director Robert Ragoonanan will be livestreaming a Piano Recital on the Oak Knoll YouTube channel with guest flautist Charles Gibb! Please join us for an evening of piano music from the past and present. Featuring works by Lili Boulanger, Nahre Sol, J.S. Bach, Philip Glass, and Johannes Brahms.

Our Saviour's Housing is still housing residents in hotels because their facility is not equipped to meet social distancing requirements. Therefore, financial donations are needed to provide meals and necessary supplies while residents are relocated.

An Online Event for ELCA World Hunger

Please join us on **Thursday, September 24 at 7pm** for this Zoom event.

Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host; the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA; and the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, invite you to an online benefit - the first of its kind - for ELCA World Hunger. Together, we hope to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the times of COVID-19 at this event.

At this event, you will learn about the unique ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. Our hosts will also discuss the ongoing root causes of hunger and poverty addressed in Rick Steves' recent special *Hunger and Hope: Lessons From Ethiopia and Guatemala*. And you will hear from ELCA World Hunger partners on the front lines of the current hunger crisis, who will tell you firsthand how your gifts make a difference.

We are called by God to share hope in this time of challenge. Join us to face this global hunger crisis head-on and to continue moving toward a just world where all are fed.

Register for the event at: <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/sept-24-rick-steves-virtual-hunger-event?erid=fa6340cf-5431-4f5a-96f6-7781ca0242e3>

Faith Formation Updates

Sunday, September 20 is our Kick-Off for Faith Formation!

- As we celebrate the milestone of another school year, we will include a Blessing of the Backpacks and Learning Devices within our worship service, as we bless our students and their year of learning. (You will receive a gift of a fidget keychain from OKLC.)

- Families are invited to join us 10:45-11:30am for Chalk Fest in the parking lot. There will be treats, socially distanced fun, and youth can pick up their fidget keychains. We will have chalk (or bring your own) and wear masks!

- An Informational session on Sunday School ministry will take place via an online Zoom meeting Sunday, September 20 at 7:00pm.

Wednesday September 23rd is Confirmation Kick Off:

- Youth and a parent/guardian are invited to join us 6:00-7:30pm for a Bonfire! We'll gather around the campfire pit for socially distanced fun, treats, and learning about the upcoming year of Confirmation. BYO chair and please wear masks!

- An Informational session on Confirmation will take place via an online Zoom meeting that night at 7:00pm for those not attending in-person. Feel free to BYO treats, and join us in a time of learning what this upcoming year of faith formation will hold as we continue to grow the fruits of God's kingdom wherever we are.

Oak Knoll Preschool is September's Ministry Partner

During the pandemic, our program has had to change our classroom practices and materials to help mitigate the spread of COVID 19. Some of the changes have resulted in our program not being able to use specific classroom materials and toys since they are not easily able to be cleaned and sanitized. We have received financial assistance to help cover the cost of additional PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and additional staff hours for cleaning, however we do still have a need for additional classroom materials that are not covered in our financial assistance.

We would love to be able to fill our classroom shelves with new materials for the children as we enter the new school year. **If you wish to make a monetary donation towards our program or a donation from our Amazon wish list, available at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/1HZU4CXU5AFEX?ref=wl_share we would greatly appreciate it!**

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

September 22, October 20, November 24

Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00 pm

September 26, October 24, 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

Volunteers Needed

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

Hats for Kids Project

If you have been making hats or scarves for The Hats for Kids Project please take them to any Pilgrim Cleaners the first week of October. Tell them they are for the Coats for Kids Project. They will take them to the central collection point. I know this is not the usual way they are collected, but this pandemic has changed the way many things are done. Thank you for your continued support in this project! Call Mary Gunness if you have any questions at 612 597 2497. 14

Ongoing activities at Oak Knoll

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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.

Men's Breakfast

This group meets at Perkin's on HWY 7 & Hopkins Crossroad the 2nd Thursday of every month.

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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Ministry Partner for September 2020 is: Oak Knoll Christian Preschool & Childcare

Ministry Partner for October 2020 is: LSS - Lutheran Social Service

Ministry Partner for November 2020 is: PCYC - Plymouth Christian Youth Center