

OAK KNOLL

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025

9:30 a.m.

#### Welcome to worship at Oak Knoll! **† Congregation please stand as able**

Before the service begins, we invite you to use this time of silence for individual prayer and reflection.

By attending in-person worship you are consenting to being part of the livestream broadcast.

At Oak Knoll **we welcome and encourage children in worship.** We have a prayground up front and welcome children and parents to use this space to participate in worship together. We also have a play area in Fellowship Hall where you can hear the service if your child needs a break from the sanctuary worship space.

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

Jesus, Name Above All Names, arr. John F. Wilson

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Brighter than the Sun, by John Helgen, Oak Knoll Choir

**Refrain:** Brighter, brighter than the sun is the candle of the Holy One. Bigger, bigger than the sea are the waves of God washing over me.

Gonna light my candle from the holy flame of the one that's brighter than my own name. Gonna wash my body in the holy sea, in the water of life that's bigger than me (*refrain*)

Gonna meet God's children at the fountain of life, where the word and the water and the Lord Jesus Christ make a new creation out of every one. Holy Spirit of love, let the waters run. *(refrain)* 

Gonna gather 'round and gonna welcome in ev'ry child to be and ev'ry one who's ever been. Gonna breathe together with this spark of life: Holy Spirit of God, make our flame burn bright. *(refrain)* 

#### **† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 
 + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

#### G Amen

■ Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful God,

☑ you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P God proclaims theses words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ⊕ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

G Amen.

#### **† OPENING HYMN**

God Is Here!

Red Hymnal 526, stanzas 1 & 4



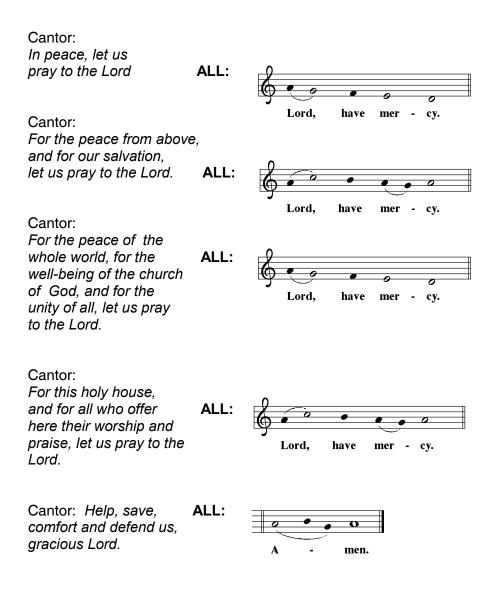
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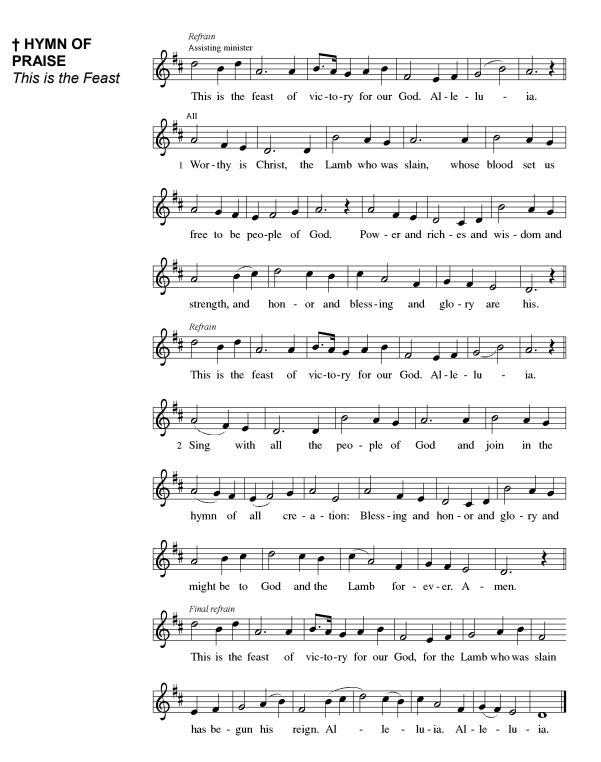
#### **†** GREETING

 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** (from ELW Setting Four, pages 147-150)

Kyrie (from the Greek for "Lord have mercy") was originally a shout of praise directed towards God. It is meant to be a joyful cry of "The Lord is merciful!" rather than a plea for mercy.





#### **† PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you. • And also with you.

P Let us pray together.

• Lord Jesus, You invited Peter, James and John to follow you. Like them, help us to accept your call to bring peace, justice, and wholeness as we serve our neighbors. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sunday School Time: After the Children's sermon. all children (ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join leaders in the Sunday school room for a special kids' lesson. Children are also more than welcome to remain in worship with their families. Sunday school children will return to service following the offering.

#### PREACHING TEXT

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

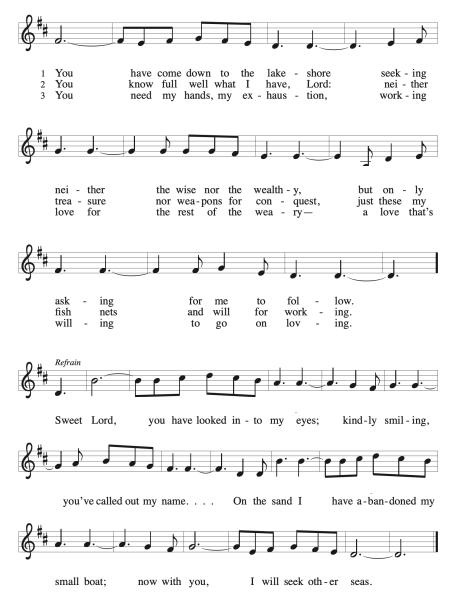
P The Word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

#### Pastor Michele Abbott

#### Luke 5:1-11

#### **† HYMN OF THE DAY**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Red Hymnal 817, stanzas 1-3



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#### **† THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

■ United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. After each petition:

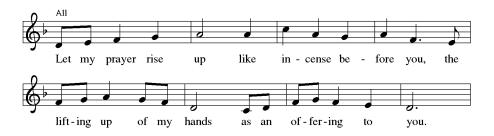
ℙ We pray to you,

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#### **† SHARING OF THE PEACE**



And also with you.



From "Holden Evening Prayer" by Marty Haugen)

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 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 openina words are from Galatians 3:28.

Thank you for supporting our ministry together.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, Red Hymnal 659, Oak Knoll Choir

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

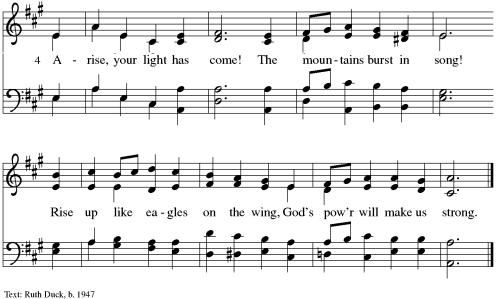
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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.

Sometimes the Offering is viewed as a break in the service, a chance for the congregation to do some "fundraising". Actually, the offering is an act of worship. As we give our offering, we symbolically give ourselves to God. Our money is our servanthood in spendable pieces.

**† OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 



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### **† OFFERTORY PRAYER**

▶ Let us pray together.

**G** 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 forever. Amen.

### GOD COMES TO US IN THE MEAL

#### **† HOLY COMMUNION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### **† WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **† 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.



The culmination of the worship service is the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, also called the Eucharist. Eucharist is a Greek word which means "thanksgiving".

Words of Institution are the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper when he "instituted" the sacrament. The Apostle Paul wrote these words in I Corinthians 11:23-25.

The Lord's Prayer can be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4..

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

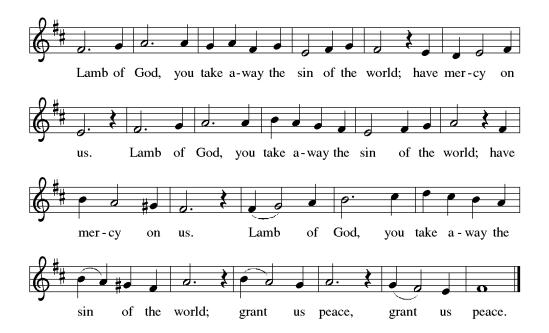
ℙ The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

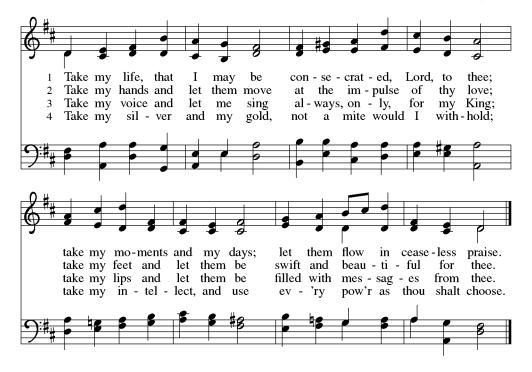
Jesus invites all to come forward to receive his gift of forgiveness and grace.

Today we will be celebrate continuous communion. The pastors will give you the consecrated communion elements. After drinking the wine/juice you can place the small cup in the basket.

If you need gluten-friendly communion wafers or grape juice, please indicate to the server by raising your index finger. They will extend the plate to you--the gluten friendly wafers are located in the center dish--and you are invited to take one yourself.

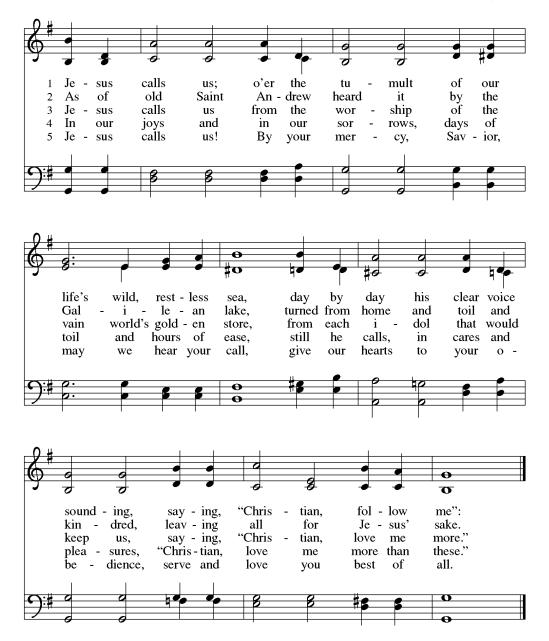
**DISTRIBUTION** Please join in singing Lamb of God and distribution hymns:





5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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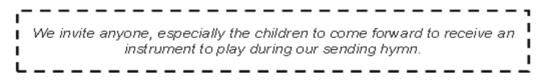
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#### **† POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

☑ 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.



### GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

#### **† BENEDICTION**

**P** The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **G** Amen.





Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

#### **†** DISMISSAL

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

Please return the instruments to the containers in the rear as you exit the sanctuary.
POSTLUDE Blessed Assurance, arr. Carol Tornquist

#### Beacon Event: Housing Documentary Series

Beacon Interfaith Housing and member congregations will be hosting a special four-part documentary series, Shame of Chicago, Shame of the Nation. This series dives into predatory home contract sales in Chicago after World War II and reveals how the city established the nation's most extensive system of racially segregated housing. The impact of this system has been felt by generations of Black families and continues to contribute to the racial wealth gap we see today. After the screening, we'll have an insightful moderated discussion.

Join us for showings from 6:30-8pm on **January 30th, and February 4th** at various locations. Learn more and register online today!

#### Annual Meeting - TODAY after worship

The Church Council of Oak Knoll Lutheran Church has set the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for **Sunday**, **January 26th** after worship.

#### Annual Reports

The 2024 annual reports are available in the Narthex. Please take only one per household. Thank you.



<u>Youth Night - TONIGHT, January 26 @ 6:30pm; Pizza & Painting</u> Join us for a pizza dinner and evening of painting. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Confirmation and high school students are invited <u>Sign up now</u>.

#### Senior Activity - Thursday, February 6th

On Thursday, February 6th from 10am-12pm, seniors are invited to enjoy coffee and treats followed by a "The Book of Love" presentation by Mike Henry on the greatest love songs of the 40s, 50s and 60s. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 952)546-5433 or sign up at the Welcome Desk.

The registration cost of \$5 may be paid online at <u>oklutheran.org/give-online</u> or in person at the event.

#### **Taproom Social**

On **Friday, February 7, from 4 - 7pm**, you are invited to Steel Toe Brewing Company for a time of socializing with other Oak Knoll folk. Steel Toe is located at 4848 West 35th Street in St. Louis Park. All are welcome to come and fellowship together! For those new to Oak Knoll, this is a quarterly event that has been going on since 2018.

#### SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Training

Saturday, Feb. 8 - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Bethlehem, Minneapolis-Vicar Jennifer is planning on attending and would love others to join her! Please contact Jennifer at Jennifer.schneider@oklutheran.org if you have an interest in attending.

Learn how to support someone's desire for safety by recognizing the warning signs of suicide, identifying people who are at risk, and applying the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) to connect a person to suicide first aid resources. Listed on the national best practice registry, safeTALK allows time for both practice and discussion. safeTALK is based on research that shows people experiencing thoughts of suicide often send out subtle invitations to help them stay safe. This free four-hour class is for members of the community over the age of 16 who want to learn and practice the basic best practices in suicide prevention. The class is hosted by Mental Health Connect, a collaborative of Twin Cities faith communities that work together to help destigmatize mental illness and assist all in finding the help they need. <u>Register here.</u>

#### We need Volunteers to help with Ushering on Sunday mornings!

# We are looking for 2-3 volunteers who would be interested in being coordinators for 1 month at a time scheduling ushers for that month. Duties would include:

- Verifying there is an usher and/or a lead usher at each Sunday service for that month.
- Contacting volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings for that month, this would include Wednesday nights during Lent and Advent and special services.
- Working with staff to ensure we have adequate coverage.

Instructions are available if interested. Please contact either Pastor Jay or the church office at 952.546.5433 if you are interested. We would appreciate your participation!



#### Sign up now for serving and sponsorship for 2025!

Our signup slots for opportunities to serve and sponsorship opportunities are now open through 2025! Please visit <u>oklutheran.org/serve</u> or <u>oklutheran.org/sponsor</u> to sign up for these opportunities and help us kick off the new year!

• Upcoming available coffee dates: January 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

#### Oak Knoll Christian Preschool Now Enrolling!

Oak Knoll Christian Preschool is now enrolling families for preschool and/or child care for fall. There are part time and full time options open for families with children ages 2-5. Children in our youngest classroom (ages 2/3) do not need to be potty trained. To learn about program options or schedule a tour, please contact director Kathryn Glorvick at preschool@oklutheran.org.

#### Pew Sisters

Pew Sisters will be taking the month of January off. We will begin our Monday weekly meetings (from 9:30-11 am) on February 3. We will be reading Rabbi Harold Kushner's book, *Nine Essential Things I've Learned in Life*. In this book Kushner helps us to reimagine how God is at work in scripture and in our lives.

We invite any women of the congregation (no need to be a member) to join us. We begin each week with time to hear each other's stories and build community and then head into study.

Let the Church Office (<u>churchoffice@oklutheran.org</u>) know if you are interested in joining us for this study. Books are available on Amazon or other booksellers.

## Star Words - Epiphany Check-In

We are busy people. Our culture tells us we need to be everything to everyone, participate in every single activity, have all the toys (maybe you are familiar with this popular retailer's slogan: Shop like a billionaire), and produce something to prove our worth. But all these things have a tendency to get in the way of experiencing Jesus' gift of love and peace. They also cloud our ability to participate in God's kingdom, keeping us too busy to both "stop and smell the roses" (the way God is blessing us and creating new life in the world around us, and to see the hurt and brokenness in the world that God is calling us to tend to with the gifts we have been given.

During this season of Epiphany, we are using "star words" to focus our attention and intention on how God is revealing something new in our lives. We invite you to take a moment to pause each day and reflect on your star word. What and where did you notice? Bring your ponderings with you to church and write them down on a post-it note star in the gathering space outside Fellowship Hall. Post your star on the window so others can see and be inspired by God's work in your life and in the world around us!

You are invited to use the following prayer from A Sanctified Art as part of your daily reflection.

God of today, tomorrow, and yesterday, as we begin this new year, we once again find ourselves looking for you. We long for the clarity of a star in the sky, or a voice in the clouds declaring your presence in our lives. So today we ask that you would make yourself known to us. Do what only you can do. Reach into our spirits to give us a boost of confidence that love is real and we are not alone. Remind us that we are beloved in your eyes. Amen.

#### Amazing Grace Lutheran Church is our Ministry Partner for

**January:** Amazing Grace Lutheran Church is a mission congregation of the ELCA and is led by Pastor Nhiabee Vang. Their mission is to reach the approximately 60,000 Hmong who live in Minnesota and help them grow in Christian faith. They worship at 1pm Sundays at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley.



Through their ministry they identify, train and encourage Hmong men,

women, and youth to serve God, and to partner with Hmong Christians from other denominations in serving the Hmong community. Visit their <u>Facebook page</u> to learn more.

#### Milk Jug donations needed!

The OKLC Sharing Garden crew is thinking about the 2025 growing season. It's just around the corner! We are once again collecting clean, one gallon milk jugs to start seeds in for various vegetables and annual flowers planted in the garden. Preschool and Sunday school children and The Gathering participants help plant up these milk-jugs-to-greenhouse containers with seeds of nourishing food for both our neighbors and pollinator friends. Please bring well-rinsed and clean gallon sized milk jugs or water containers with lids to church. A labeled container is located by the Volunteer Desk where you can deposit your donation. Thank You!

#### Sponsor a Youth Event



Each month confirmation and high school youth gather to share a meal and a fun activity. It's a great opportunity for youth to see each other and connect with their church friends—an important aspect of faith development. Consider sponsoring one of these events to help pay for food and drinks. <u>Donate today</u>.

### Youth Activities Showcase

• There are a lot of winter sport activities in action.

For information on these events or to showcase your child's event, please speak to Christina or email at <u>christina.black@oklutheran.org</u>.

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Annual Meeting	10;45 AM	Week at
Youth Night	6:30 PM	
Monday, January 27		a k
Tuesday, January 28		<b>7</b>
Wednesday, January 29		Oak Knoll Lutherar
Quilters	9:00 AM	
Staff Worship Planning	11:00 AM	L F
Dinner & Confirmation	6:00 PM	era
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	n
Thursday, January 30		
Pastor's System's Group	1:00 PM	
Friday, January 31		
Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM	
Saturday, February 1		
Sunday, February 2		
Worship	9:30 AM	
Sunday School		
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM	
2nd Grade Bible Class - Rose Room	10:45 AM	

#### Oak Knoll Online Giving

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



PASTORAL STAFF

Jay Rudi, *Senior Pastor* Michele Abbott, *Pastor* Jennifer Schneider, *Vicar* 

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PRESCHOOL Kathryn Glorvick, Director

HOSPITALITY COORDINATORS Ezra Black, Sadie Longo, Carter Moore, River Vickerman

MINISTERS All members & guests of Oak Knoll

Cantor: Erika Vickerman Reader: Sam Black Prayer Leader: Kim Hakensen Communion Servers: Fred Moore, Jason Moore Ushers: Adam Juntunen, Sophie Goodnature, Jack Goodnature Streaming Ministers: Adam Moore, Dan Runge Counters: Fred Moore, Anthony Stavig Coffee & Treat Sponsors: Your name could be here (3 slots available at \$50 each or \$150 total) Communion Set up: Adam & Coleen Juntunen

#### Holy Communion

We welcome those worshiping online to join us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact one of the pastors and we can plan a time to either meet you at church or come to your home to share communion.