



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

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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 pray-ground 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

Nearer, My God, To Thee, by Lowell Mason

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(over)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Just As I am Without One Plea, Red Hymnal 592,
Deb Weir-soloist

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

☞ **Amen**

☞ Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Compassionate One,

☞ **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.**

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grand to all people.

We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

☞ Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

☞ **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

Red Hymnal 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

† 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 *Our Liturgy for the Season of Lent is "Is This the Feast of Victory?"*
by John Hermanson

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.

Cantor:

In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation:



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, the well-being
of the church, and the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord:

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and all we offer here
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

Is this the Feast?

Is this the feast of vic-to-ry for our God or a

Fine

fore - taste of the king - dom? 1.You said, "Leave your nets be -
2.When did we see you

hind you," broke bread and drank wine with us. You
hun - gry, when did we feed you,

pro - mised a king - dom, you hung on a cold cross.
Were you a strang - er, and did we wel - come you?

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And also with you.
- ☐ Let us pray together.

☑ **Compassionate God, you love those who look unlovable to us. You welcome undesirables into your home. How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean. May we love our neighbor, without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jay Rudi

Sunday School Time: After the Children's sermon. all children (ages 3-5th 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

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON

Pastor Jay Rudi

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953
 Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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 c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

† 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:

☐ We pray to you,



Spirit Intercede For Us, By John Hermanson



† SHARING OF THE PEACE

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



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 opening words are from Galatians 3:28.

OFFERING

Thank you for supporting our ministry together.

Give Me Jesus, arr. Frenando Ortega

Deb Weir-Soprano; Peter Leppa-Guitar; Sylvi Leppa-Violin

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.

You can go directly to Oak Knoll’s Online Giving page through

<http://oklutheran.org/give>. and click on the ‘Give’ button on the top right of the page.

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Red Hymnal 885

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second and third staves continue the melody.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

☞ Let us pray together.

☞ **Gracious Provider, You set your abundant treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GOD COMES TO US IN THE MEAL

† HOLY COMMUNION

☞ 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 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☞ All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread for you.

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.


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.

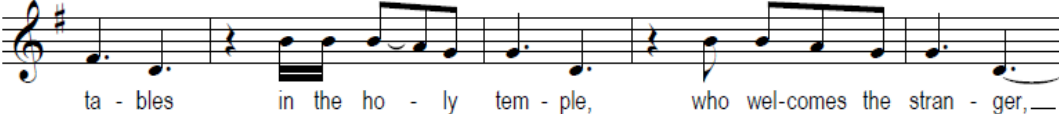
The Lord's Prayer can be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4..

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.

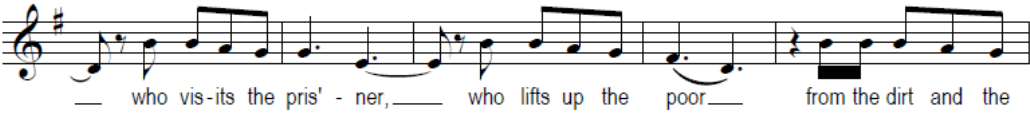
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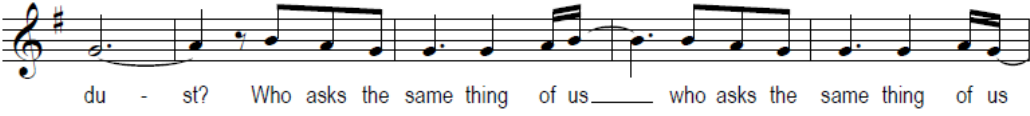
Who emp-tied him-self to be a ser-vant, Who turns o-ver



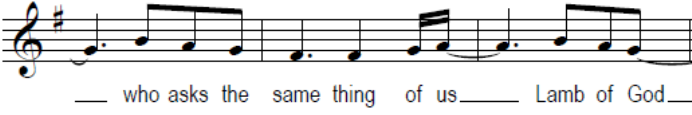
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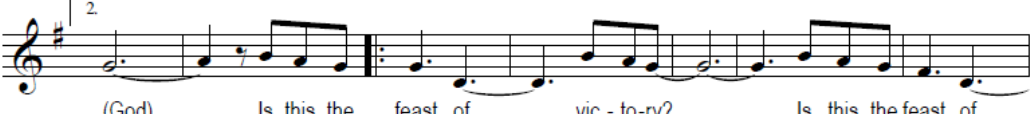
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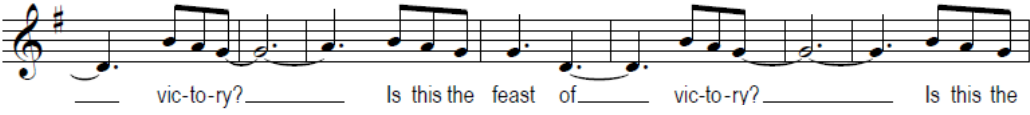
du-st? Who asks the same thing of us who asks the same thing of us



who asks the same thing of us Lamb of God



(God) Is this the feast of vic-to-ry? Is this the feast of



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feast of vic-to-ry?

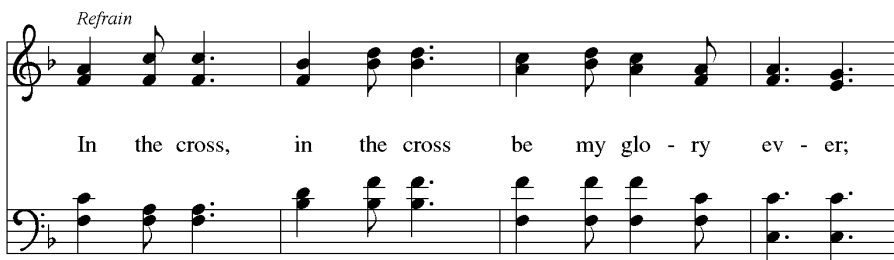


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

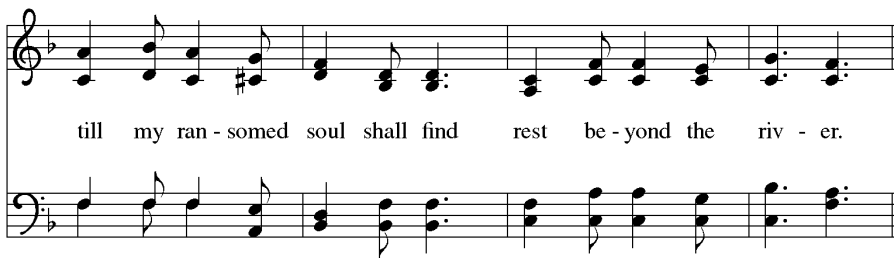


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - sored soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The bass staff accompaniment features a prominent bass line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The bass staff accompaniment features a prominent bass line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The bass staff accompaniment features a prominent bass line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
 Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
 4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
 for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
 from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
 Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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† POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

P Let us pray together.

G **Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom. In the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

† BENEDICTION

☞ God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. ☞ Amen.

† SENDING HYMN *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Red Hymnal 551,
stanzas 1, 3, 4

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first three stanzas of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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† DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Blest Be The Tie That Binds, arr. Carol Tornquist

Spring New Member Class-TODAY, March 9, 2025

You are invited to come and learn about Oak Knoll and our ministry at this year's new member session TODAY. Sunday March 9th from 10:45-11:45am.

Pastor Jay will tell you about the Oak Knoll faith community, our faith practices, and our shared vision as followers of Jesus.

We will welcome new members to Oak Knoll on Sunday March 16th at our 9:30am worship service.

Our Lenten Theme this year is Unbroken: A Living Faith

How can we spend some time thinking deeply about what we really believe as Christians? How are our beliefs living and moving with us as we change and grow?

Join us as we explore our Lenten theme "Unbroken: A Living Faith" through daily devotionals written by Ellie Roscher and Joe Davis.

Lent 1, March 12, Theme: God speaks to us through Scripture and Spirit.

Lent 2, March 19 Theme: God becomes human for us in Jesus Christ.

Lent 3, March 26 Theme: God feels our pain and suffering.

Lent 4, April 2 Theme: God compels us toward mercy.

Lent 5, April 9 Theme: God delights in our goodness and judges sin.

Pick up a printed devotional book at the Welcome Desk or [download the digital PDF](#) to dive deeper into our theme this Lenten season. You can also click on the QR code.



Lent Soup Suppers

Join us for lent soup suppers on Wednesday, March 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd and 9th at 5:45-6:30pm before our Wednesday night worship services. We look forward to your presence with us as we grow in our “Living Faith!”

You may also sign up to serve at one of our soup suppers! Sign up online at oklutheran.org/serve or at the Welcome Desk.

Youth Event – TONIGHT, Sunday, March 9, 2025

Rescheduled from February! Join us for an evening of games and fun. We'll have a taco bar, so sign up to bring something. All confirmation and high school youth are invited! [Sign up now.](#)



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – March 16, 2025

The youth heading to Christikon and Luther Crest Bible camp this summer would like to invite you to a Pancake Breakfast at 8am on March 16th. Tickets will be \$10 per person (\$40 family max) and on sale today and March 9th after worship service.

Order Easter Flowers

We are taking orders for Easter flowers between **March 9th - March 30th** to adorn our Easter sanctuary altar area. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online at oklutheran.org/serve.

Cost is \$15 and net proceeds will go to our youth ministry. You may pay online or mail a check to the church office. Please plan to bring your flowers home following our 10:30am Easter Sunday worship service.

Senior Activity - March 20th, 2025, 10am-12pm

Join us for treats and social time followed by the “Living the Dream: Historical Homes of Minnesota” presentation by Doug Ohman. RSVP at the Welcome Desk or by calling the Church Office. The registration cost of \$5 may be paid in person at the event or online at oklutheran.org/give-online.

Spring Bible History Class

Rick Johnson will present a Bible History class Monday nights from March 24th - May 12th. The class will be held from 7-8:30pm in the Rose Room.

Through Old Testament Bible reading, Jewish readings, videos and class member participation, we will look at three Old Testament biblical leaders- Noah, Abraham and Jacob. This class is for anyone interested in learning about the Old Testament regardless of previous knowledge or experience with the topics. Be sure to bring your Bibles.

Please sign up [online](#) or at the Welcome Desk.

ICA Food Shelf is our Ministry Partner for March:

ICA (Intercongregation Communities Association) was founded in 1971 when two couples, aware of the mounting need in our community, began distributing food and clothing from a house in downtown Hopkins. Today, ICA provides more than just food for our neighbors in need. Their services now encompass food, jobs, and housing. In 2023 ICA supported our neighbors with more than 1,000 employment services, and they were able to keep more than 400 individuals in their homes with rental assistance. ICA is now seeing record numbers of families visiting the food shelf, and Oak Knoll is committed to helping them support our neighbors in need. For more information about ICA please visit their [website](#).



March Food Share Month



Traditionally the spring is a time when contributions of food and financial support begin to decline. ICA joins hundreds of other food shelves in Minnesota to encourage contributions during March Food Share month. You can make a difference by helping ICA collect 150,000 lbs. of food and \$250,000 during the month of March.

Oak Knoll is collecting non-perishable goods in the Narthex from **March 1st through April 6th**. You may also support ICA financially by giving in person or online at oklutheran.org/give by selecting Ministry Partner Support.

Save the Date....Oak Knoll Rummage Sale, June 12, 13, 14, 2025

Got Junk? It may be someone's treasure!

The rummage sale benefits the community by your **GENEROSITY** of Hospitality, Time and donating useable Goods & Gifts. As we look forward to Spring, please remember to bring clean and useable items to the rummage sale.

Sign up opportunities and other details coming soon. Stay tuned!

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.

This Week at Oak Knoll Lutheran

Today, Sunday, March 9, 2025

Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
New Member Class - Gathering Room	10:45 AM
Sandwich Ministry Meeting - Teacher Resource Room	10:45 AM

Monday, March 10

Women's Bible Class - Pew Sisters	9:30 AM
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Tuesday, March 11

Worship Planning	6:30 PM
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Wednesday, March 12

Quilters	9:00 AM
Staff Meeting	11:00 AM
Soup Supper	5:45 PM
Confirmation	6:00 PM
Worship Service	6:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, March 13

Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
Preschool Board Meeting	6:30 PM

Friday, March 14

Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM
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Saturday, March 15

MPLS Synod Toolkit for leaders-St. Stephen Lutheran	8:30-12:30PM
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Sunday, March 16

Pancake Youth Fundraiser	8:00 AM
Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
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Sandwich Ministry	10:45 AM
Youth Night	6:30 PM

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Prayer Leader: Linda Strand

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Ushers: Daniel Lukis, Gwen Lukis

Counters: Fred Moore, Anthony Stavig

Coffee & Treat Sponsors: Paul & Deb Sandberg, Ron & Cheri Morris

Communion Set up: The Colburn family

Holy Communion

We welcome those worshipping 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.