

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 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

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross, arr. Lowell Mason

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Goodness and Grace, composed by C.P.E. Bach, lyrics by Lloyd Pfautsch (adapted), Ed Schneider-soloist

How great is the goodness of Christ, our Savior!
Is there anyone who has not seen His favor?
For all grace comes through Christ, our Savior:
All praise and honor be given to Him.
Let all consider His wondrous love.
Mercies we have are gifts from God above.
For Christ has not forgotten us,
And we must not forget His love!

- O God, let us see your love, so boundless And brightly shining before our eyes.
- O grace us with your power in weakness;
 Lift us from darkness and evil days:
 O grant us comfort in times of trouble,
 Guide us toward you and coming joy-filled days.

For we cannot forget your goodness--With thankful hearts, we sing your praise!

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

 ${\Bbb P}$ Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

@ Amen

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Compassionate One,

9 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 grant 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.

P 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



 $Text: Tobias \ Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, \ sts. \ 1-3; \ \textit{Gesangbuch}, \ Berlin, \ 1707, \ st. \ 4; \ tr. \ Catherine \ Winkworth, \ 1827-1878, \ adapt. \ Music: \ LIEBSTER \ JESU, \ WIR \ SIND \ HIER, \ Johann \ R. \ Ahle, \ 1625-1673$

† 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:

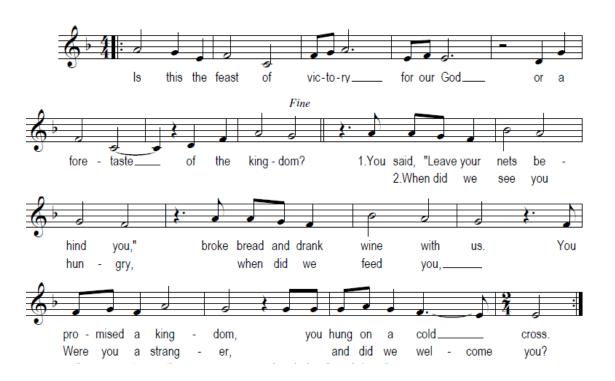
■ Lord, have mercy.

† HYMN OF PRAISE Is this the Feast?

Jesus showed us a path of selflessness and servanthood and asks us to follow. In our hymn of praise this Lent, we are invited to ask ourselves, "Is this the Feast of victory for our God? Is it a foretaste of God's kingdom come?" The answer is "yes" in the breaking of the bread together, in the feeding of the hungry, and in welcoming the stranger. This is the vision of discipleship. (Matthew 25:34-40)

† HYMN OF PRAISE

Is this the Feast?



† PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray together.
- ☑ Lord of the lost, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. Show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. May we honor your name in loving and welcoming all. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jay Rudi

Sunday School Time: After the Children's sermon, all children (3 year olds-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 worship following the offering.

PREACHING TEXT Luke 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁶All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁶Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁶Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹oFor the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

SERMON Pastor Jay Rudi





Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955 Music: Toma MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956 Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

† 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.

Apostle's Creed: 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. It's 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

† THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P 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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Spirit Intercede For Us, By John Hermanson





† SHARING OF THE PEACE

P 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 all people.

Sharing of the peace is a visible, concrete way we reach out to others as a sign of our willingness to be agents of God's love and peace in the world. The opening words are from Galatians 3:28.

OFFERING

Thank you for supporting our ministry together.

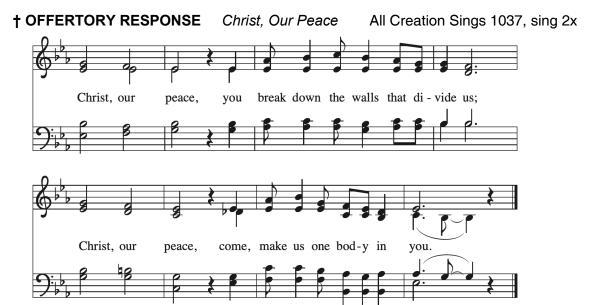
He Shall Feed His Flock, composed by G.F. Handel, lyrics by Charles Jennens, Ed Schneider-soloist

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
And the ears of the deaf unstopped,
Then shall the lame man leap as a hart,
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm, with His arm;
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm, with His arm;
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young,
And gently lead those that are with young.

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.



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P 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

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P 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

- P 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

P 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.

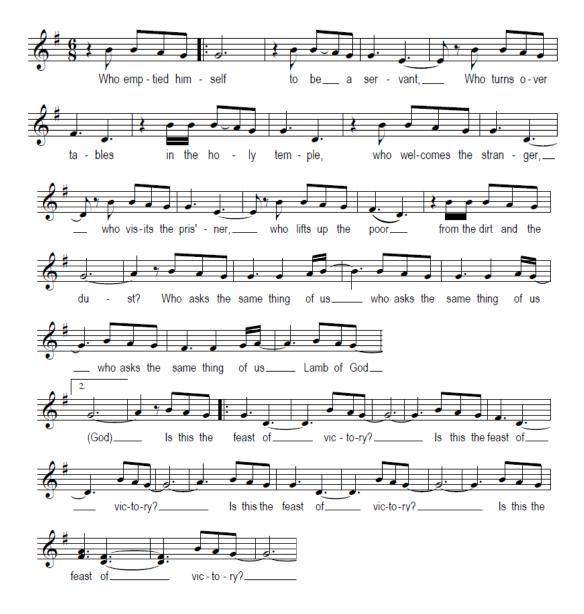
Today we will be celebrate continuous communion. The pastors will give you the consecrated communion elements. After drinking the wine/juice you can place the small cup in the basket.

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.

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

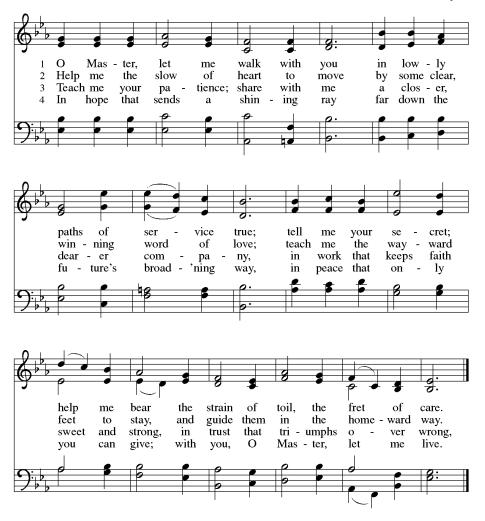




Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

† 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.
- 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



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

† DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Rejoice! The Lord is King, arr. Michael Larkin

Our Lenten Theme this year is Unbroken: A Living Faith

How can we think 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 5, April 9: 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.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for Lenten soup suppers on Wednesday, April 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!"

Summer Elementary Activities Survey

Attention Sunday school families... Summer will soon be here, and we would love to provide some opportunities for fellowship and learning for the Sunday schoolers. Please fill out this <u>short survey</u> to help us plan programming.



Senior Activity - Fraud & Scams Training

Join us on **Thursday**, **April 10th** from 11am-1pm for a Fraud & Scams Presentation by Senior LinkAge followed by lunch with other seniors in the community.

Please RSVP by calling the Church Office at (952) 546-5433 or at the Welcome Desk. There will be a free-will offering option in person at the event.

Taproom Social - Friday, April 11th

On Friday, April 11, from $\overline{4-7}$ pm, you are invited to Unmapped Brewing for a time of socializing with other Oak Knoll folk. Unmapped is located at 14625 Excelsior Blvd in Minnetonka. All are welcome to come and fellowship together!

Youth Event - Sunday, April 13th, 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of pizza, friends, and Easter fun. Please bring a side or dessert to share. All confirmation and high school youth are invited. Sign up now!



Senior Activity - Living a Life of Purpose and Contribution

Join us on **Thursday**, **April 17th** from 10am-12pm for treats and social time followed by an inspiring presentation by author David McNally on "Living a Life of Purpose and Contribution." Please note that lunch is not provided at this event.

Please RSVP by calling the Church Office at (952) 546-5433 or at the Welcome Desk. The registration cost of \$5 can be paid online at oklutheran.org/give or in person at the event.

LSS 2025 Benefit for Youth Twin Cities

Join Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) at our 2025 Benefit for Youth Twin Cities. Help us celebrate all the ways we are Growing With Purpose in supporting youth and families with the resources they need to live full and abundant lives. Tickets for this event are \$25. Register online by April 22nd. If you have any questions please reach out to Clay Haapala, Paul Strand or Pastor Michele (pastor.michele@oklutheran.org).

The event takes place at Quincy Hall (<u>1325 Quincy St. NE, Minneapolis</u>) with registration starting at 5:30 and the program beginning at 6:30pm.

Oak Knoll Men's Golf League

Spring weather has started teasing us, and golf season is just weeks away! The Oak Knoll Men's Golf League is putting together teams and you are invited to play full time or as a sub. The League plays on Thursday nights at Pheasant Acres Golf Club in Corcoran, starting May 1st or 8th (TBD) and runs through the end of August. We golf nine holes, with the first tee-time at 3:44pm. Play alternates weekly between the front and back nines. (High school youth: bring your dad and uncles, if they can keep up.) If interested, reach out to Clay Haapala, John Burman, or Dale Johnson, or email Brian Hines, bghines60@gmail.com.

Special Podcast Episode: Is This the Feast of Victory?

Listen to the newest episode of The Knoll Podcast as John Hermanson discusses his "Is This the Feast of Victory?" liturgy, which has been our Lenten liturgy during Sunday worship. John also dives into his history and involvement with Oak Knoll, his career as a musician and some of his upcoming projects.

Listen to The Knoll anywhere you listen to podcasts!

Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry is our Ministry Partner for April:

Oak Knoll partners with LPGM to sponsor 10 students' educations through the Arcot Lutheran Church in Southeast India. Project Education India provides Oak Knoll members a direct connection and communication with specific students coming from the poorest of the poor, allowing them and their subsequent generations a route out of severe poverty that they could not otherwise achieve. We have also enhanced this support through sponsoring libraries, English+ programs and a Community College preparing students for specific iobs.



To see how LPGM changes lives across the globe, visit lutheranpartners.org.

You may donate to LPGM through contributions to Oak Knoll at oklutheran.org/give-online. These funds will be directed to LPGM and allocated were most needed. LPGM has a high rating in financial transparency and beneficial use of funds.

Refugee Housing Assistance Urgently Needed

Lutheran Social Service of MN is in urgent need of financial assistance to help a group of refugees here in MN (these refugees are fully vetted and here legally). Currently there is not enough funding to enable them to get established with housing – housing which would offer them stability, independence and a future with hope. With \$110,000 LSS would be able to provide the housing they need so that, by May, these refugees would be in stable housing. A small group of donors has already given the first \$50,000 and LSS is hoping that faith communities like ours can meet the rest of that need.

Please consider a gift to Oak Knoll designated for LSS Refugee Housing – and know this is part of God's work to love and serve our neighbors.

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.

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!

Today, Sunday, April 6, 2025	
Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
Memorial & Endowment Meeting - Rose Room	10:45 AM
Passion Reading Rehearsal - Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Monday, April 7	
Women's Bible Class - Pew Sisters	9:30 AM
Worship Planning	6:30 AM
Spring Bible History Class	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 8	
Internship Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 9	
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, April 10	
Men's Breakfast - Perkins on HWY 7	8:00 AM
Senior Activity - Fraud & Scams Lessons	11:00 AM
Friday, April 11	
Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM
Taproom Social at Unmapped Brewery	4:00 PM
Saturday, April 12	
Sunday, April 13	
Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
First Communion Class	10:45 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
Youth Event	6:30 PM

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Ushers: Jeff Pearson, David Sanderson **Counters:** Tom Marshall, Georgia Rasmus

Coffee & Treat Sponsors: Your name could be here!

Communion Set up: Pam Thompson

SAVE THE DATE!

Parents Night Out Friday, May 9th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm This is a youth fundraiser to support summer camps.





April 13 Palm Sunday - 9:30am April 17 Maundy Thursday - 7pm April 18 Good Friday - 7pm April 20 Easter Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am