



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

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
9:30a.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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(over)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Now, O God, All Creation sings 902, stanzas 1, 3
Ed Schneider - soloist

Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.
Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.
Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.
Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.
Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Faithful God,

☩ you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. **Amen.**

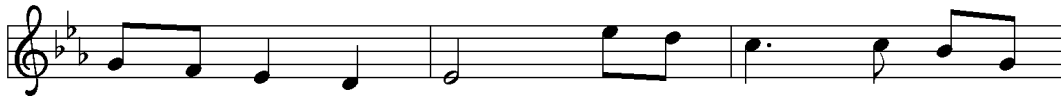
☞ Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. ☩ **Amen.**



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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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.**

† ADVENT WREATH LITANY

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,
Red Hymnal, stanza 1

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Leader: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

ALL: **Amen**

HYMN

He Came Down

Red Hymnal 253, stanza 2

2 He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;

he came down that we may have hope; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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† PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray together.

A God of fiery flames, even the most raging fire could not destroy your servants when they called upon you in faith. Give us faith to withstand anything that rages to deter us from following you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Daniel 3:1, [2-7], 8-30

¹King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ²Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, ⁴the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." ⁷Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up." ¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

Scripture continued on next page

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary ²⁰and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ²²Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” ²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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

SERMON Reverend Mark Aune, Secretary at Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota

Thank You for being our guest preacher today!

† HYMN OF THE DAY *How Firm a Foundation*

Red Hymnal 796,
stanzas 1, 2, 4

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

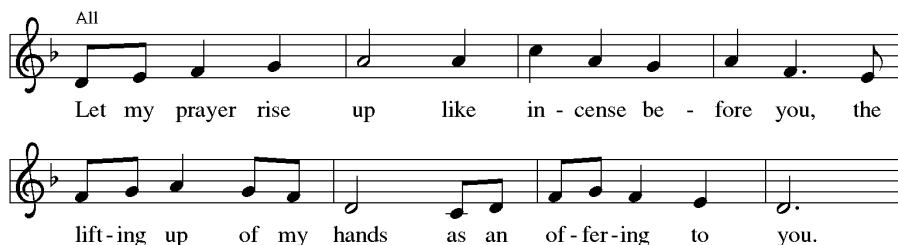
† THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. After each petition:

P We pray to you,

C



From "Holden Evening Prayer" by Marty Haugen)

† 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 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.

Do Not Pass Us, By by Reginal Wright, Ed Schneider - soloist

Pass us not, O El Shaddai. Hear our humble, humble cry;
While on others You are calling, do not pass us by.

We're calling, Adonai, Adonai, hear our humble cry; Do not pass us by.

Trusting only in Your merit, would we seek, we seek Your face;
Heal our wonder, broken spirits. Save us by Your grace.

We're calling, Yahweh Rophe, Adonai, hear our humble cry; Do not pass us by.

We're calling, Yeshua, we're calling, Maschiah, hear our humble cry.

From You springs forth all our comfort. More than life, life to us.
Whom have we on earth beside You? Whom in heav'n but You?

While on others You are calling, do not pass us by.

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

People, Look East

Red Hymnal 248, stanza 1

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray together.

C God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US IN THE MEAL

† HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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:

C 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 There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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

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".

The 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.

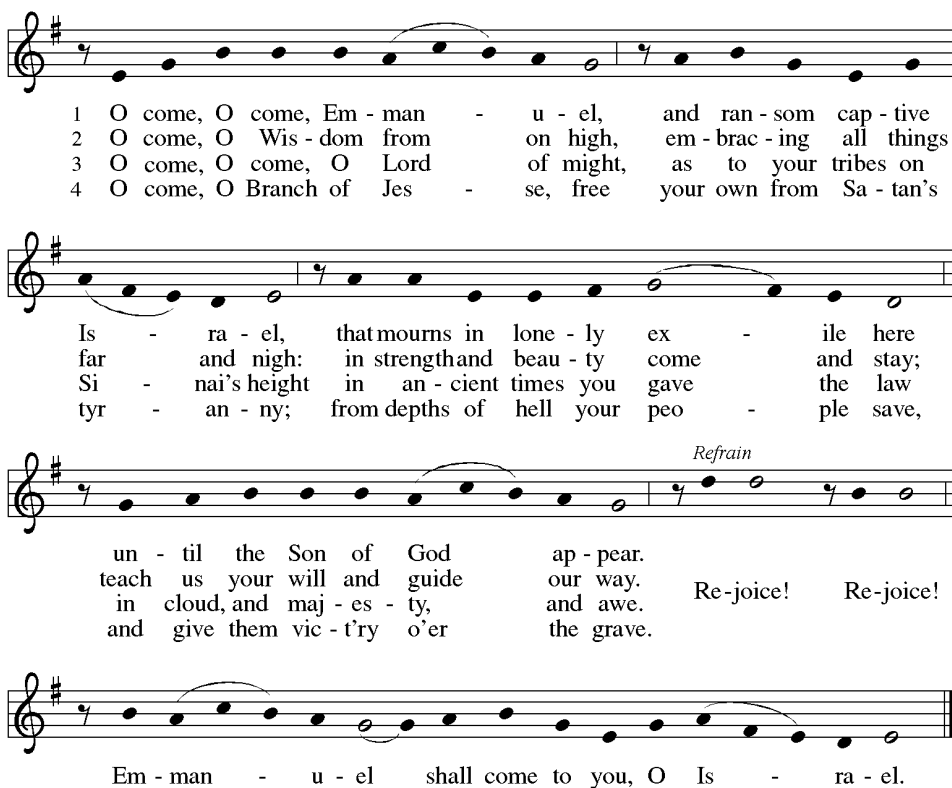
Today we will be celebrate continuous communion. The communion servers will give you the consecrated communion elements. After drinking the wine/juice you can place the small cup in the basket.

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

DISTRIBUTION Please join in singing distribution hymns:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Red Hymnal 257, stanzas 1-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
 Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Magnificat

Holden Evening Prayer, by Marty Haugen

1.3. My soul pro - claims your great - ness, O God, and my
 2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joi - ces in you, You have looked with love on your
 lift - ed the hum - ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

3rd time: Fine

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. Great and might - y are
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part. Great and might - y are

you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fav - or the
 you, O Faith - ful One, strong is your just - tice, strong your love, As you promised to

weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart.
 Sa - rah and A - bre - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

"Magnificat" from *Holden Evening Prayer* Marty Haugen

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul - to cure. and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

† POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

☑ Amen.

☐ Let us pray together.

☑ God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

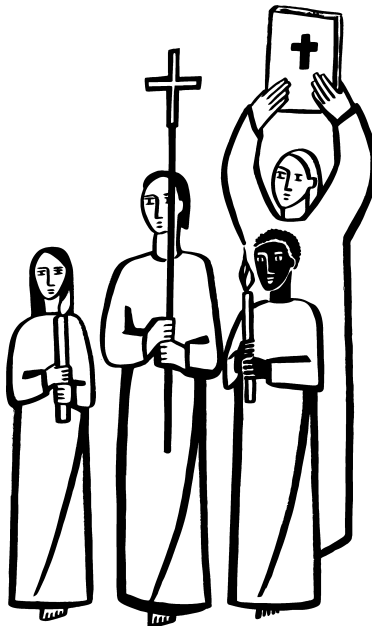
FAREWELL & GODSPEED FOR BROOKE RUHLIN

† BENEDICTION

☐ The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you. God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The Holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

☑ Amen.



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!

4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!

His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:

So let your praise be sound-ing for kind-ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

† **DISMISSAL** **P** Go in peace. Share the harvest. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Music Selection by Matt Cerar

A Message from Brooke Ruhlin

As you know, I will soon be stepping away from my role in the Church Office, and I wanted to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to all of you. I've enjoyed working with so many of you, and I am grateful for the relationship I've built here! Your kindness and support is very much appreciated, and I will always treasure the time I've spent at Oak Knoll!

Support ICA Food Shelf

Right now, our neighbors are facing hardship and hunger with cuts to SNAP and other supports. Your gifts and donations can make all the difference!

How you can help:

- Donate food: Your non-perishable food items stock our shelves and provide direct relief. See our most-needed items list at icafoodshelf.org/donate-food. Please drop off all food donations in the Narthex.
- Donate funds: ICA can turn every \$1 you donate into \$3 worth of food from food banks. Your financial gift provides more healthy, fresh options like milk and produce. Donate securely online at icafoodshelf.org/donate or by check in the Oak Knoll offering plate.



Maynards Day is December 1st - All sales go to ICA

Join us for a fun and festive way to kick off the holiday season, with 100% of gross sales going directly back to ICA Food Shelf. Call now to make your reservation at 952.470.1800.

Maynards Restaurant, 685 Excelsior Boulevard, Excelsior, MN, 55331

Order Christmas Poinsettias

We will be taking Christmas poinsettia orders to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve now through **December 7th**. Each order is \$20 and proceeds go to Oak Knoll's youth ministry. Sign up online at oklutheran.org/serve or find the paper signup at the welcome desk in the Narthex. You may pay online at oklutheran.org/sponsor or by check. You are welcome to take home your order following our second Christmas Eve worship service.

Senior Event

Please join us for treats and social time followed by a nostalgic and fun presentation on "Christmas Moments to Remember" by Mike Henry on **Thursday, December 4th at 10:00am**. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk or by calling the Church Office at 952.546.5433. The registrations cost of \$5 may be paid in person at the event or [online](http://oklutheran.org/give-online) at oklutheran.org/give-online.



Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 6th

Join us for a fun and delicious neighborhood meal with Santa on **December 6 from 9:30-11am**. Please bring your own camera to take a photo with Santa. There will also be plenty of holiday crafts for families to work on! As always, this meal will be free for all. Gluten friendly and vegetarian options will be available.

Sign up to volunteer at Breakfast with Santa at the Welcome Desk or at oklutheran.org/serve, or sponsor the event at oklutheran.org/sponsor. Your sponsorship funds will help us pay for food, drinks, activities, and outreach for this fun event. Please consider donating what you can, or sponsoring five meals for \$35. Thank you for supporting this community event!



ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for Advent worship services, **Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17** at 6:30pm. These services will be a candle lit time of reflection and preparation for the season. **Soup supper is served from 5:45pm - 6:15pm.**

Sign up to serve at one of our Advent Soup Suppers online at oklutheran.org/serve or at the welcome desk!

Women of Song Concert

The choir, Women of Song, under the direction of Patricia Connors, will present “Give My Heart,” a concert of Advent and Christmas music, here at **Oak Knoll on Saturday, December 6, at 7 pm**. The 50-voice choir, grateful to have found a home at Oak Knoll, invites the community to celebrate the season with them. No tickets are required. A free will offering will be collected.

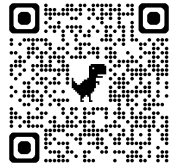


Youth Christmas Party – December 14, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

All confirmation and high school youth are invited to the annual Christmas party. Please bring a white elephant gift to exchange and a dish to share. [Sign up now](#).

Sign up for Serving and Sponsorship

There are many opportunities to serve or provide sponsorship here at Oak Knoll -- this includes both ongoing and one-time activities. Check out oklutheran.org/serve and oklutheran.org/sponsor to learn more about ways to share your gifts and enrich our community.



Sponsorship Opportunities

There are plenty of Sunday's open to sponsor Sunday morning coffee and treats. The cost for coffee is \$50 for one slot up to \$150 for all three slots. You can sign up online at oklutheran.org/sponsor or at the welcome desk. You can pay online or by check. Thank you in

advance for your generosity in supporting Oak Knoll Lutheran Church!

- Upcoming available coffee dates: December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025, and January 11, 18, 25



Oak Knoll Lutheran Christmas Eve Worship Schedule
Tuesday, December 24:
2:00pm & 4:00pm





Plymouth Christian Youth Center is our Ministry Partner for November: Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) is a voluntary health, education, and welfare organization that was founded in 1954 to serve children and youth in the inner city of Minneapolis. Their mission is to enrich the skills, prospects, and spirit of North Minneapolis area youth and adults, in partnership with families and communities.

Your donations go toward paid internships and job training opportunities, free year-round academic and social-emotional enrichment of K-5 scholars, and supporting middle school youth through the Capri stage performances.

Learn more about PCYC at <https://pcyc-mpls.org/about-pcyc/> or donate by giving to Oak Knoll's Ministry Partner of the Month at oklutheran.org/give-online or in person.

PCYC Holiday Gift Drive

Over 3,000 gifts and 200 volunteers are needed to make the holidays brighter for 600 North Minneapolis youth who will shop for loved ones at the PCYC Gift Sale Store in the Capri. The annual gift sale will be on Saturday, December 13th.



Oak Knoll will be collecting unwrapped gifts for the PCYC Christmas Gift Sale now through November 30th.

Purchased gifts can be dropped off in the Narthex. You may also find a suggested shopping list in the Narthex. They are in need of NEW items, valued at \$10-25. Please purchase gifts for all ages. Children and youth will be shopping for infants, elementary and teenage siblings, and parents and grandparents.

PCYC receives a shortage of gifts for the older teens and adults, especially men. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated for the gift sale. PCYC staff uses that money to shop for gifts that are still needed.

You may also participate through volunteering for the gift sale or donating towards the cause. Find details at pcyc-mpls.org/gift-sale-2025/.

The Knoll

Erika Vickerman joined Stephen in this week's episode of The Knoll to do a deep dive into the Sharing Garden. Check out the interviews with Deb Sandberg and Suzanne Burman as well as an interview with Matt Dykmore of ICA. Season 4 continues with new episodes every Friday through the end of December.

OUTSIDE EVENT – Advent Family Retreat – December 5-7

Luther Crest is holding a family retreat open to all ages. The whole family can join them for a weekend of fun games, worship, crafts, and advent themed devotionals! Get cozy by our fireplaces and stay together in our beautiful cabins by the lake and woods! A Friday night snack, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack, and Sunday brunch will be provided! Check in is Friday at 7PM and closing worship is Sunday at 11AM! [Click here to register!](#) Or, reach out to Christina Black if you're interested.

Live Nativity Needed

We are looking for families (children & adults) to play shepherds, angels, Mary, and Joseph during our Christmas Eve services. These are not speaking roles. Simply put on a costume and walk in during the Christmas reading. Help bring the story to life!

[Sign up to participate now!](#)



Youth musicians are invited to LSM 2026 at St. Olaf College!

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. Young musicians come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a college campus. During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and elective classes (such as conducting, composition, church music, jazz band, musical theatre, handbells). In the evenings, students attend recitals, Evening Prayer services, and social events with their friends. **LSM 2026 takes place at St. Olaf College from June 21-July 19 (Full Session) or June 21-July 3 (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12.**

Priority Enrollment is offered now through December 1 with a \$50 discount. Standard Enrollment is offered through March 1. General financial aid options are available.

Learn more: LSMacademy.org/program **Apply:** LSMacademy.org/apply

Questions: admissions@lutheransummermusic.org

This Week at Oak Knoll Lutheran

Today, Sunday, November 30, 2025

Worship	9:30 AM
NO Sunday School	
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM

Monday, December 1

Pew Sisters Bible Class	9:30 AM
Women of Song Concert	7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

The Gathering	10:00 AM
Senior Event	10:00 AM

Friday, December 5

Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM
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Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

Worship	9:30 AM
NO Sunday School	
Coffee and Fellowship	10:30 AM

Oak Knoll Online Giving

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.



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Reader: Angela Akhigbe

Prayer Leader: Angela Akhigbe

Communion Servers: Suzanne Scherschligt, Lori Ahmad, Larry Burfeind

Ushers: Sean Weiser, David Sanderson, Bruce Jergensen

Counters: Susan Larson

Coffee & Treat sponsor: Joe & Sara Wandrei ~ *In honor of Harriet's birthday*

Youth Activities Showcase

Zoe Weiser will be performing in a concert with her GTCYS orchestra, Camerata Con Brio, at Wayzata High School on December 13th from 3:00-4:00pm.

If your child has an upcoming activity, we'd love to showcase it. Reach out to Christina Black at christina.black@oklutheran.org with details.