



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

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 17, 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, Share the Lord, arr. Mark Hayes*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(over)

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sonata*, Op 19 (1945), Paul Creston III. With gaiety,  
Carter Moore-alto saxophone, Mary Fadden-piano

### † CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

☞ We begin by remembering who and whose we are, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

☞ Merciful God,

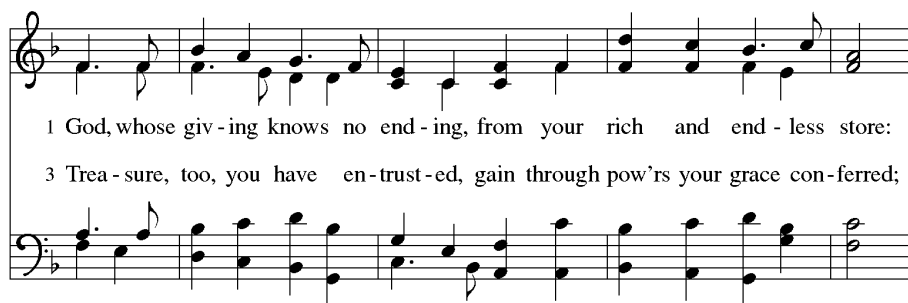
☞ **You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

☞ You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

☞ **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

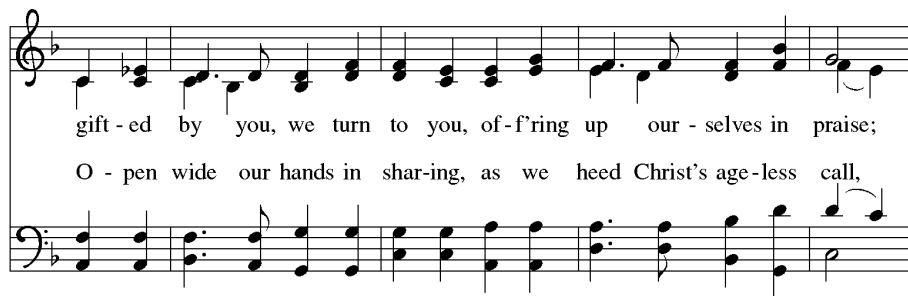
Red Hymnal 678,  
stanzas 1, 3



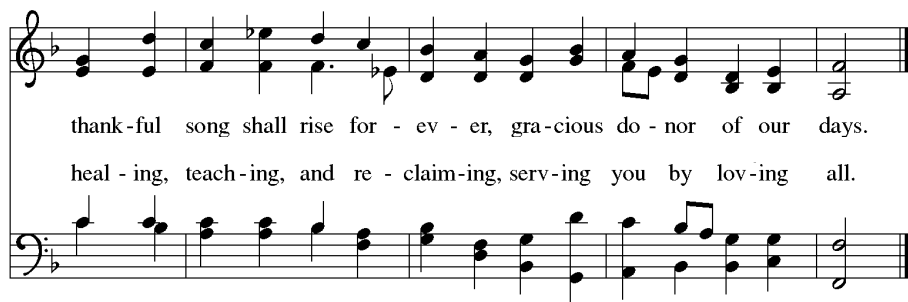
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## † GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **G** And also with you.

## † KYRIE from All Creation Sings setting 11

*Today's liturgy comes from the new ELW hymnal supplement All Creation Sings.*

Cantor: *O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.*

**ALL:** 

Cantor: *Have mercy, O Lord.*

**ALL:**

Have mer - cy, O Lord.

# † HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## † PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**P** Let us pray together.

**A** Extravagant God, You anointed your Son with the devotion of Mary, and you call us to respond with the same generous love. Open our hearts to see Christ in the poor, the forgotten, and the hurting, and lead us honor you by pouring ourselves out with compassion, mercy, and justice. It is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Liberator, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## PREACHING TEXT

John 12: 1-8

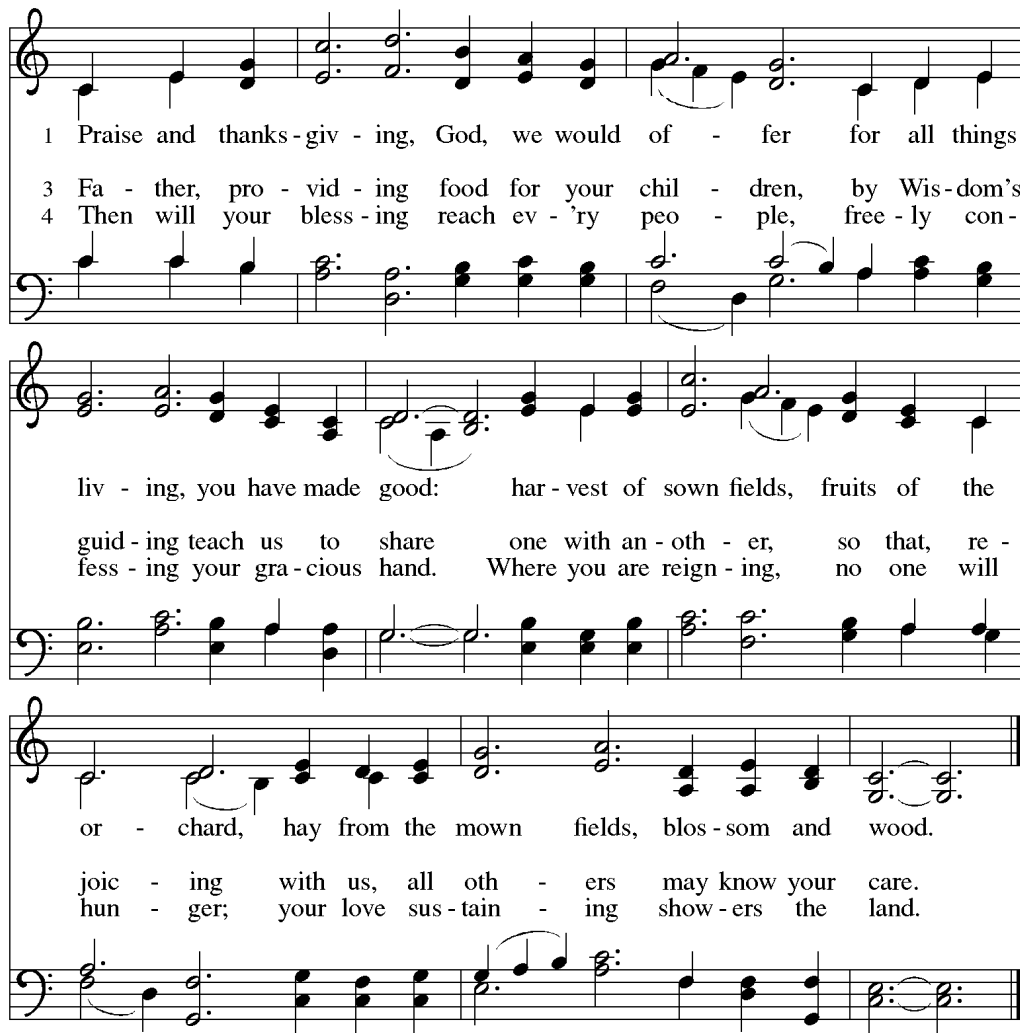
<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jay Rudi





1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things

3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's

4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the

guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -

fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.

hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.  
Music: BUNESSÁN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## † 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,



God Is Here Today

All Creation Sings 993

God is here to - day; as

cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth and fifth staves contain the third line. The lyrics are: 'God is here to - day; as cer - tain as the air I breathe, as cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.'

Text: Javier Gacías Mateo, b. 1956; tr. C. Michael Hawn, b. 1948

Music: DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ, Javier Gacías Mateo

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## † SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

*Thank you for supporting our ministry together.*

*Sonata, Op 19 (1945) Paul Creston II. With tranquility,  
Carter Moore-alto saxophone, Mary Fadden-piano*





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 *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*

Red Hymnal 734, stanza 3

3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -  
dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,  
take, O God: they are our prayer.

Text: John Arlott, 1914–1991  
Music: HARVEST GIFTS, Larry J. Long, b. 1954  
Text © Trustees of the late John Arlott, admin. Augsburg Fortress.  
Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

## † OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth, and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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

*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.*

*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.*

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



O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Grant us your peace. A - men.

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



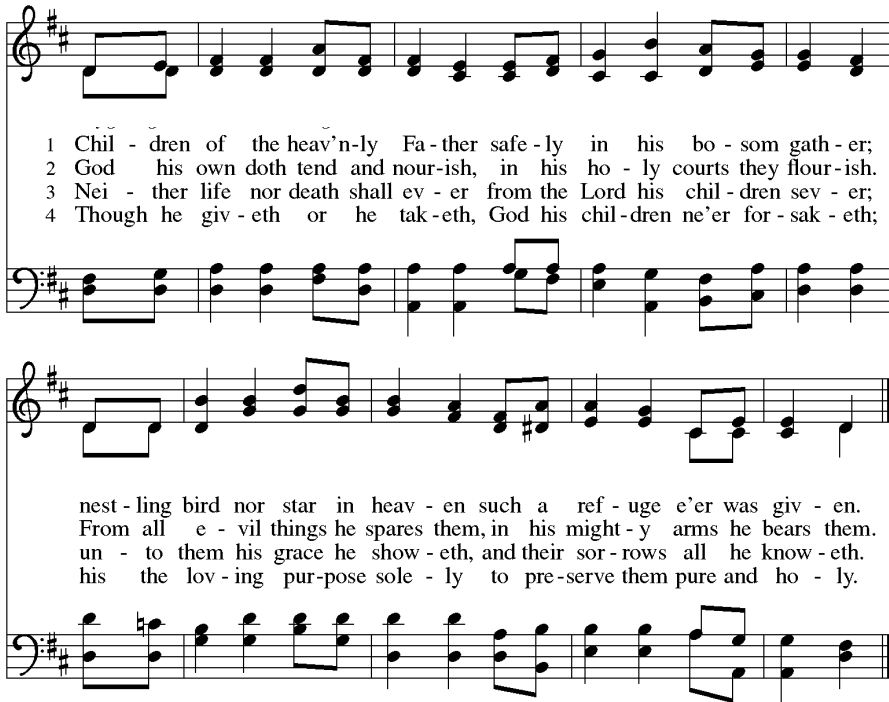
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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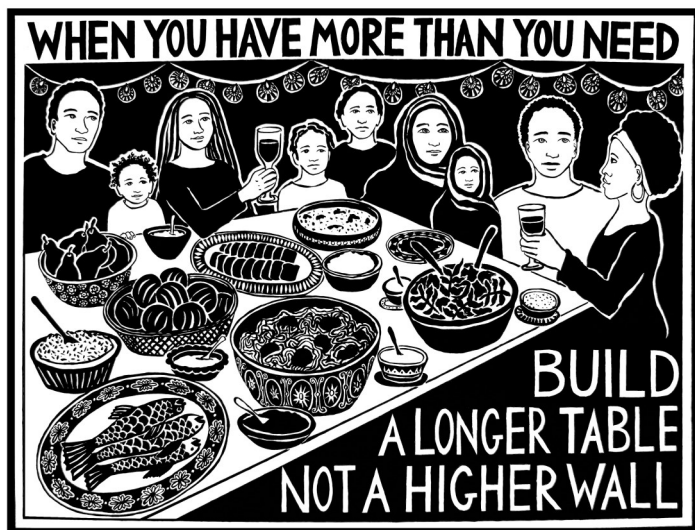
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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
 Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

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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.

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us pray together:

**G** Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

## GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

### † BENEDICTION

**P** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **G** Amen.

† SENDING HYMN *Let Streams of Living Justice*

Red Hymnal 710, stanzas 1-2



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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† DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Let Streams of Living Justice*, arr. Mark Hayes

### **Emergency Action Plan Presentation-TODAY, Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am**

Come and learn about our new Emergency Action Plan, approved by our Church Council at their August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Volunteers, especially ushers, and any interested parishioners, should plan to attend to learn more about how we can care for our church community if there is an emergency onsite for worship or other church activity or function.

### **Preaching Series “The Bible and Economic Justice”**

We began a six week preaching series entitled, “The Bible and Economic Justice”. This series uses various biblical passages to discuss topics such as:

- **The Poor Will Be With You Always:** John 12:1-8, when properly understood within its biblical context, does not negate the pursuit of economic justice. Instead, it highlights importance of recognizing Jesus in the marginalized and those experiencing poverty, which encourages action and transformation.
- **Economics and Holiness:** Exploring Leviticus 19:9-18 and 33-37 in relation to economic principles and practices.
- **Jubilee and the Kingdom of God:** Luke 4:16-21 and 18:18-30 illustrate the implications of God’s Jubilee-oriented Kingdom, particularly regarding wealth and the need to prioritize God’s reign over personal possessions for true salvation.

Over the course of this series, we will explore biblical principles like stewardship, generosity, equity, compassion for the poor, and community support through resource sharing. And we will be invited to consider how these texts are relevant to modern economic justice issues and their application in our personal and community life. Expect to be challenged and expect to grow as we engage this theme together in worship.

### **Thank You & Farewell to Vicar Jennifer**

Vicar Jennifer Schneider will conclude her internship with us on **Sunday, August 24th**. On that Sunday she will preach, and we will celebrate her ministry with us after worship with a reception in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to share a gift of appreciation, you may do so by either check or cash payable to “Jennifer Schneider”. You are also invited to share a card or a word of thank you at any time through her last Sunday with us.

Jennifer has been a great blessing in our ministry, and we are excited for the ministry she will share with her next congregation as an ordained pastor!



### **Bible History Class**

Rick Johnson will present a 9 week Bible History class Monday nights from **September 8th - November 3rd**. The class will be held from 7-8:30pm in the Rose Room. Through Old Testament Bible reading, historical background readings, Jewish readings, class member participation, and videos, we will look at 3 Old Testament biblical leaders- Joseph, Moses, and Joshua. This class is for anyone interested in learning about the Old Testament regardless of previous knowledge or experience with the topic or whether you were in the previous class. Be sure to bring your Bibles. Please sign up at the Information Desk.

### **Pew Sisters**

Pew Sisters is a group open to all the women of Oak Knoll (you don't need to be an OK member to join). We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30-11 and study books and scripture, usually completing 2-3 studies each year. Our group opens each week with a time of sharing and community building, then moves into the study. We will begin for the fall on **Monday, September 15th**.

Our first study this year will be looking at the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) using the book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. The book explores the story using a picture of this parable painted by Rembrandt. Through Nouwen's words and Rembrandt's painting, we hope to come to new understandings of the story from the perspective of the prodigal, the elder brother and the father.

If you are interested in joining this group, or if you would like the church to order a book for you, please email the Church Office at [churchoffice@oklutheran.org](mailto:churchoffice@oklutheran.org). The book is widely available if you would like to purchase it yourself.

### **Curious Readers**

Curious Readers is an online group that studies different theological books throughout the year. We choose books that are accessible and thought-provoking. Each week we read one chapter of the book and then questions are posted to our email group. Over the course of the week, people answer some or all of the questions, and group discussion ensues. This group will begin for the season in late September.

Our first book this year will be Peter Enns *Curveball*. In this book Enns considers the "curve balls" thrown at us during life — moments or events that often leave us doubting God, the Bible, and our faith. He argues that instead of pushing away from these events, we should embrace them and, in the process, see how God is at work building wisdom and maturity in us.

If you are interested in joining Curious Readers, please let Pastor Michele know at [pastor.michele@oklutheran.org](mailto:pastor.michele@oklutheran.org). The book is widely available.

### **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 7th**

Join us for a morning of hands-on service projects following Sunday worship. Projects will include: Sandwich making, Burrito making, assembling Birthday Bags for ICA and Hygiene Kits for LSS, youth in foster care. We will be collecting item donations for our service projects through August. Please bring your donations to the appropriate bin in the Narthex.

#### **ICA BIRTHDAY BAGS**

We will assemble birthday bags to donate to ICA Food Shelf. These bags will go to families in need who are celebrating a birthday. Items needed are:

- Cake mix
- Frosting
- Plates
- Napkins
- Candles
- Large birthday gift bags

#### **LSS HYGIENE KITS**

We will also assemble hygiene kits to donate to LSS for youth in foster care. Items needed are:

- Reusable tote bag or shower caddy
- Deodorant
- Full-sized shampoo
- Full-sized conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Full-sized toothpaste
- Full-sized body wash

#### **PCYC SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

We will be collecting school supplies for the Plymouth Christian Youth Center **now through August 24th**. Please drop them off in the bin in the Narthex, either during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Needed items include backpacks, notebooks, pencils, glue, markers, colored pencils, calculators, erasers, folders, binders, crayons and lunch boxes. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **SAVE THE DATE - Blessing of the Backpacks – September 7th**

As we enter the start of a new school year, children and youth of all ages are invited to join us for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on September 7th.

#### **SAVE THE DATE! Fall Fest - September 14th**

Come enjoy festive activities and food with the Oak Knoll community after Sunday worship!

### **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](https://oklutheran.org/serve) and [oklutheran.org/sponsor](https://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](https://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: September, October, and November 2025

### **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. [Donate today.](#)

Donate Today!



### **Landscaping Help Needed**

Help keep Oak Knoll looking beautiful and welcoming this summer by volunteering as a landscape helper! This is a great opportunity for those who love to be outdoors or anyone looking for summer service hours. Time will be spent weeding, raking, and up-keeping the church exterior and Memorial Garden. Serve for as many or few hours as you would like! If you're interested in serving in this way, please contact Brooke Ruhlin at [brooke.ruhlin@oklutheran.org](mailto:brooke.ruhlin@oklutheran.org).

### **Date Night Dancing is Back!!**

Spice up your evening and step into the rhythm of romance with *Date Night Dancing* at Oak Knoll! This lighthearted class is perfect for couples who want to share laughs, learn a few smooth moves, and enjoy quality time together. You'll explore easy-to-learn steps from a mix of dance styles designed to get you moving in sync without stepping on toes. No dance experience required—just comfy attire and someone you like to hold hands with. These lessons are geared to ages 16 and up.

Lessons will be on **Friday, October 3rd** from 7-8:15 pm and **Sunday, November 16th** from 6:30-7:45pm. Take one lesson or both! They are separate but complimentary. The cost is \$15 per person for each lesson. Please pay via cash or check to the Church Office when you sign up. **RSVP by calling the Church Office at (952) 546-5433 or signing up at the Welcome Desk.**

### **Fall New Member Class**

You are invited to come and learn about Oak Knoll and our ministry at this year's new member session Sunday September 7th 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 September 14th at our 9:30am worship service.

If you'd like to be included in the New Member Class, please RSVP [churchoffice@oklutheran.org](mailto:churchoffice@oklutheran.org). You can also email or call with any questions.

### **Send a Postcard for Affordable Housing**

The upcoming federal budget proposes massive cuts and changes to housing programs that could devastate affordable and supportive housing and harm many households who rely on this vital assistance to pay the rent every month. If these cuts move forward, it will increase homelessness in our community! These programs are NOT part of the big bill that was passed on July 3 – **there is still time to advocate for housing!** As part of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, we are calling on our Senators and Members of Congress to defend programs like Section 8 housing vouchers and service funding. **Stop by the welcome table after worship and send your postcards! Every postcard makes a difference. This is one way we show care for our neighbors at Emerson Village, Vista Point, and Cranberry Ridge to stay housed.**



#### **Global Refuge is our Ministry Partner for August:**

Minnesota has a long and proud tradition of helping refugees find safety and establish new lives in our community, dating back to World War II. Today refugees come from many parts of the world, including Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Somalia. These refugees have escaped war, religious persecution and violence in their homes.

Global Refuge works to help refugees get established. They assist with securing housing, finding employment, enrolling in school and English classes, connecting to medical care and orienting them to their community. They work through local community programs like Camino a Casa, a program that provides youth in Guatemala with support for successful integration, and the Circle of Welcome through LSS which offers community support and co-sponsorship of refugee families.

Your donations to this ministry partner help fund these services for refugees. Learn more about Global Refuge at <https://www.globalrefuge.org/get-involved/circleofwelcome/>

**Today, Sunday, August 17, 2025**

Worship	9:30 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
Sandwich Ministry - Fellowship Hall	10:45 AM
Emergency Action Plan Presentation - Rose Room	10:45 AM
Youth Healthy Relationship Event	5:30 PM

**Monday, August 18 - Office closes at noon**

**Tuesday, August 19**

**Wednesday, August 20**

Quilters	9:00 AM
Staff Meeting	11:00 AM

**Thursday, August 21**

The Gathering	10:00 AM
Generosity Meeting	10:30 AM
Pastor's System Group	1:00 PM

**Friday, August 22 - Office closes at noon**

Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM
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**Saturday, August 23**

**Sunday, August 24**

Worship	9:30 AM
Coffee & 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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**MINISTERS** All members & guests of Oak Knoll

**Reader:** Adam Moore

**Prayer Leader:** Adam Moore

**Communion Servers:** Larry Burfiend, Lori Ahmad

**Usher:** Sean Weiser

**Streaming Ministers:** Dan & Amy Runge

**Counters:** Sean Weiser, Anthony Stavig

**Coffee & Donut Sponsor:** Darlene Reinitz ~ Celebrating my 98th birthday!!

**Communion Set up/Clean up:** Pam Thompson

### Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours are Monday and Friday; 9am - noon, Tuesday through Thursday; 9am - 3pm.

The front door is locked during office hours. If you come during office hours please ring the white doorbell to the right of the main door and someone will buzz you in. You will hear a click and then you can enter.

