

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 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

Children's Medley (Jesus Loves the Little Children/Jesus Loves Even Me/Jesus Loves Me), arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thy Holy Wings, Clay Haapala-soloist (red hymnal 613)

† THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- Amen
- P Look, here is water! (Acts 8:37)
- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!
- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- Mere is our water of life! Alleluia!



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

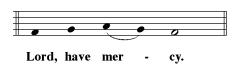
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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† GREETING

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

† KYRIE (from *ELW Liturgy Setting Three, pages 138-146*)

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: ALL:



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



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



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.

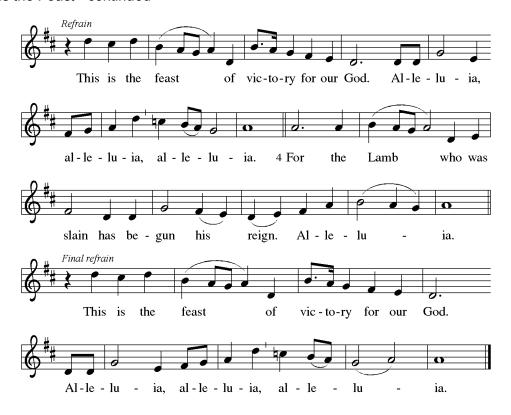
† HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



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This is the Feast - continued



† PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.

 And also with you.
- P Let us pray together.

Holy Lord, at times, your followers have allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove barriers that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

Sunday School Time: After the Sunday School Children sing, 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 Acts 18:1-4

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Michele Abbott



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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† 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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+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

A letter from one of our Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry Students.

OFFERING

Thank you for supporting our ministry together.

Christ is Living, Clay Haapala-soloist (All Creation Sings 934)

Christ is living! Gone with sorrow!
Tears and terror, be no more.
Death and grave, you now are nothing;
Christ is free of ev'ry pow'r.
Why then seek the living Savior in the haunts of death and fear?
Christ is risen! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.

For if Christ is not arisen there is nothing to believe.

Jesus' promise is accomplished:
"Since I live, you too shall live."

Dust we are, to dust returning, but in Christ we are restored.

Doubt dispelling, claim the triumph:

Jesus is the living Lord!

Death is swallowed up in vict'ry; sin has lost its poison sting.
Life will blossom from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.
For the sureness of salvation let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"
Christ is risen! We are living!
Spread the word of grace abroad.

Please take time this week to give online, mail in, or give by text at 855.389.3312. Complete directions are on the Church website under the 'give' tab.

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.

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

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! Red Hymnal 380, stanza 4



Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray together.
- Risen One, you call us to trust and bear fruit. May the gifts we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US IN THE MEAL

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".

† HOLY COMMUNION

- 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.

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

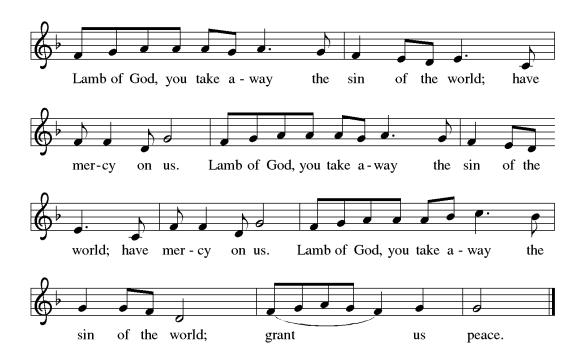
P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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

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

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

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

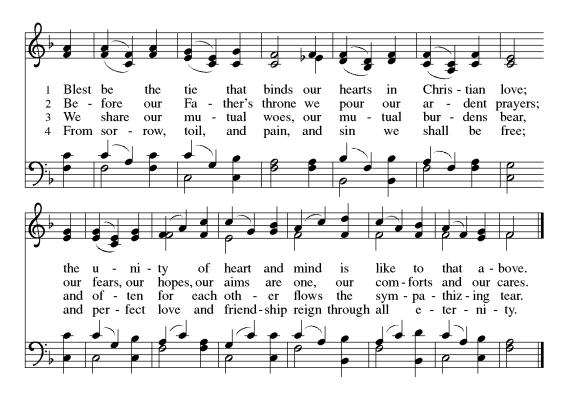




Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

† POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

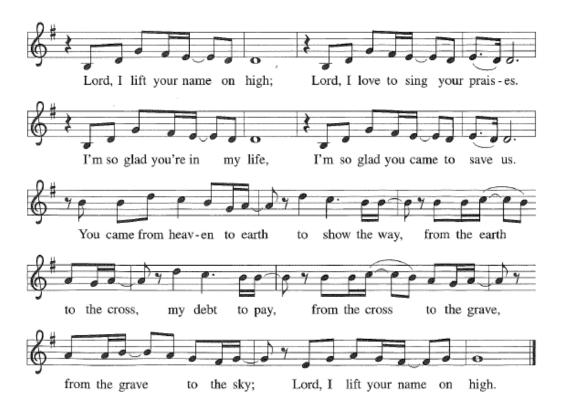
GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

† BENEDICTION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen! G Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- ${\Bbb P}$ The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. ${\Bbb Q}$ Amen.

† SENDING HYMN Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Red Hymnal 857, sing 2x



Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954 Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

PM

† DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Lord I Lift Your Name on High, arr. Phillip Keveren

Youth Night - TONIGHT, Sunday, April 28, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In celebration of Earth Day this month, we will enjoy some Earth-themed activities. All confirmation and high school youth are invited! Sign up here.



Book Study - There's still time to join!

Join Vicar Bryce in a four-week book study. You will read Brené Brown's book, *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way we Live, Love, Parent and Lead.* You will discuss how courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy apply to our lives as people of faith. You will meet **April 30th and May 21st.**Contact Vicar Bryce for more information at Bryce.bommersbach@oklutheran.org.

Senior Activity

Please join us on **Thursday, May 2nd** at 10:00am for breakfast treats followed by a historical presentation by David Jones, Apollo: Why We Went to the Moon. RSVP at the Welcome Desk or call the church office at (952) 546-5433.

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



2024 LSS Benefit for the Youth

Join Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) at our 2024 Benefit for Youth Twin Cities. Help us celebrate all the ways we are *Reaching Further* in supporting youth and families with the resources they need to live full and abundant lives. Clay and

Sandy Haapala will be hosting this event, tickets for this event are \$25. If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Michele at pastor.michele@oklutheran.org.

Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m. Check-In & Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Program **Quincy Hall**, 1325 Quincy Street NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Life Planning Sessions - April 30, June 4, and June 18

We will have three sessions, each focused on the three bullet points below, to help you make plans as a gift to yourself and to your family and loved ones.

Sessions will be from 10:30am-12noon, with a soup lunch at 12 noon. A free will offering will be accepted for lunch at these events.

April 30, funeral planning with Pastor Jay. June 4, Conversations that matter: How do we talk about end of life? With Ann Ellison, June 18, Will and Estate Planning: presenter(s) are forthcoming.

- Have you thought about your funeral and burial or inurnment wishes and does your family know about them?
- Do you have a **health care directive** informing your medical providers and family what is most important to you if/when you become ill and need care?
- Do you have a **will** or **estate plan** for when you die? Have you thought about your legacy? What do you want it to be?

Ongoing Puzzle Exchange at Oak Knoll

Do you buy puzzles, work them once and then store them in a closet never to be worked again. Bring those puzzles to Oak Knoll and exchange for different puzzles! Look for the Puzzle Exchange Table in Fellowship Hall near the Children's Area. We ask that you only borrow one to two puzzles at a time and that puzzles you share are missing no more than 3 pieces.

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: May 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th

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.



Spring Clean Up - May 4; 8:00am-noon

Save the date for our annual Spring Cleanup, happening on Saturday, May 4!

Save the Date!! Neighborhood Meal with Petting Zoo

Our next neighborhood meal is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 from 6:00-7:00.

Please consider <u>sponsoring</u> this community event to help us cover the extra cost of this special activity in addition to food and outreach costs. **We have a goal to raise \$2,000 for this event.** Please consider donating what you can, or sponsoring five meals for \$35.

Lastly, we cannot serve our community in this way without your help!

<u>Sign up to serve</u> at our neighborhood picnic online or at the welcome desk. There is a spot for everyone!



Last Call for VBS Registration!

Sign up now If you're planning for your kiddos to attend VBS, please sign up now. We are low on registrations, so we would like to know if anyone is still planning to register! (older youth are invited to help). Reach out to Christina Black at christina.black@oklutheran.org with questions.



Church east parking lot island gardens update

Our goal is to plant pollinator friendly plants that are low maintenance and will require les water once established.

Last October the islands were covered with black plastic to kill the grass and weed roots. The plastic will be removed in mid May and hopefully the soil will be prepared for planting in late May early June.

If you are interested in helping preparing the soil and/or planting, please contact either Marj and Larry Burfeind (mnlburfeind@gmail.com) or Mary Gunness (monkswood@comcast.net). Many hands make light work!

Pew Sisters Bible Study

You're welcome to join this group in their last study for the season beginning Monday, April 22nd at 9:30am. During this last session they will explore the background of several hymns and sing their way through the season. They will meet April 29, May 6, 13 and the last one is May 20th. Please contact Suzanne Burman with any questions at mrs.burman@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Oak Knoll 2024 Rummage Sale

Be a part of this great tradition at Oak Knoll. There are many ways you can participate:

- Save your donations & drop them off (see schedule below)
- Save your bags of all kinds
- Volunteers needed anytime! Your talents are needed to set up, sell and cleanup. Sign up sheets will be available soon!
- Share with friends, family and neighbors about our sale!
- Come to the sale and shop!

Donation Drop Off Hours: Sunday, June 9; 8:30am—noon, Monday, June 10; 10 am – 6pm, Tuesday, June 11; 10am-6 pm

Set up Hours: Sunday, June 6 after fellowship, Monday, June 10-Wednesday, June 12; 10am–6pm

Rummage Sale Hours: Thursday, June 13; 5pm-8pm (Presale-free will offering), Friday, June 14; 10:00am-6 pm, also Coffee & Bakery Sale 10am-2:00pm, Saturday, June 15; 9:00am-noon (\$5 Bag Sale)

We are happy to accept items in good repair:

- Clean clothing (children's clothing sells well, men's clothing, not so much)
- Toys/Games for all ages
- Tools; lawn and garden
- Costume jewelry and other accessories; purses, belts, scarves
- Clean linens
- Small appliances, household goods
- Furniture (in good repair)
- Musical Instruments
- Books, DVDs, CDs, albums (no Reader's Digest or encyclopedias, please)

Important: We cannot accept computers, exercise equipment, microwaves, baby car seats, artificial Christmas trees & stands or anything damaged & not working.

Large items such as furniture or other donations may be requested to be picked up by the donor after the sale. We do not have a crew to collect or deliver the donation.

Contact Lori Ahmad (<u>lia756@aol.com</u>) or the church office with any questions.



Lutheran Partners in Global Ministries (LPGM) is our Ministry Partner for April: Oak Knoll partners with LPGM to sponsor 10 students education 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 jobs.

You may donate to LPGM through contributions to Oak Knoll at oklutheran.org/give. 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.

Oak Knoll's 10 sponsored students have photos, bio's and letters on the LPGM board in the Narthex.

Grief Coalition

The West Suburban Grief Coalition is an extension of 16 area churches to help provide a safe space where people may share and process grief with guidance and community.

Oak Knoll will be hosting the Grief Coalition on Thursdays from 4-6pm from **March 7th through June 6th**. Volunteers may sign up to provide treats for this meeting at the welcome desk or online.

Youth Activities Showcase

Jason Moore and Sydney Rippberger will be performing supported by Zoey Colburn and River Vickerman in the crew at Wayzata East Middle School's performance of Frozen Junior **May 3-4**. You can purchase your tickets here or scan the QR code.



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.

Please Wear Your Nametags

As a congregation we try very hard to know each other by name. The truth is, though, that many of us are not very good at remembering names, so we help each other out by wearing nametags. Please, please put on your nametag when you come into church each Sunday morning.

We invite all people who join us with any regularity to sign up for nametags -- no need to be a member.

Just a reminder:

- Nametags can be found in the 3-ring binders on the circular table in the entry to the church. They are in alphabetical order by last name.
- There is a clipboard on that circular table with a yellow sheet of paper. Put your name (print clearly, please) on that sheet and they will be available the next Sunday. Use this process:
 - o If you don't have a nametag yet.
 - o If you would like a different name on your nametag (Jim vs. James for example)
 - o If you are running out of nametags
- There are always extra, blank, nametags if you are new, if you run out, or if you bring visitors.

Thanks again for remembering your nametags. This is a really simple way for us to be welcoming to new people who come to our church – and to our existing members.

Today, Sunday, April 28, 2024	
Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
Youth Night	6: AM
Monday, April 29	
Pew Sisters Bible Study	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 30	
Funeral Planning with Pastor Jay	10:30 AM
Brené Brown Book Study with Vicar Bryce	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 1	
Quilting	9:00 AM
Staff Worship Planning	11:00 AM
Confirmation - End of Year Celebration	6:00 PM
Thursday, May 2	
The Gathering	10:00 AM
Senior Event - Apollo, Why We Went to the Moon	10:00AM
West Suburban Grief Coalition	4:00 PM
Synod Assembly - offsite	5:00 PM
Friday, May 3	
Synod Assembly - offsite	8:00 AM
Bulletin Folders	9:45 AM
Preschool Spring Sing	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 4	
Clean Up Day	8:00 AM
Synod Assembly - offsite	8:30 AM
Sunday, May 5	
Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School - End of Year Celebration	9:45 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
Men's Bible Study	10:45 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: Clay Haapala

Prayer Leader: Kim Hakenasen

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Coffee & Treat Sponsors: Sharon Foss, Darlene Reinitz, Paul & Debbie Sandberg

Holy Communion

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