



OAK KNOLL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2026

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.*

**PRELUDE TO WORSHIP**     *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart, arr. Lloyd Larson*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(over)

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Christ You Are the Savior*, arr. Carolyn Gillette,  
Clay Haapala-soloist

Christ, you are the Savior, the Way to the Father, the Truth we depend on, the Life that we need. We trust you, believing! We listen, receiving the joy of the gospel by which we are freed. Yet, Lord, you remind us: through mercy you find us, by grace you forgive us. The way home is yours! We dare not judge others, our sisters and brothers whom you choose to welcome through love's open doors.

With out-cast and sinner you sat down to dinner; you healed the Samaritans, Gentiles, too. The poor knew your caring the rich, your declaring that God welcomes everyone not just a few. A conquering nation brought harsh occupation. A soldier came asking; you offered a hand. A thief saw your power in his final hour; you welcomed him home to God's heavenly home.

O Lord, all around us, your mercies astound us as others discover the way you reveal. A man whispers, "Help me!" A woman cries, "Mercy!" A doubter discovers your welcome is real. O Way to the Father, your mercy is broader than we as your people have often proclaimed. May we welcome others as sisters and brothers, and treasure the life that we share in your name.

## † THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

📖 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

📖 **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

📖 Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

📖 **Amen.**

📖 Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

📖 **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

📖 Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

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☒ **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

☒ Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

☒ **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

☒ Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. ☒ **Amen.**

† **OPENING HYMN**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

Red Hymnal 665,  
stanzas 1-3



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.  
Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003  
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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.**

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

*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.*

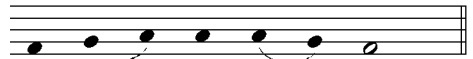
Cantor: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord:* **ALL:**



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

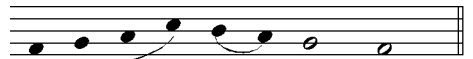
**ALL:**



Lord, have mer - cy.

*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.*

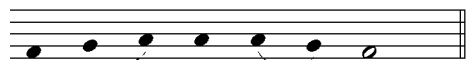
**ALL:**



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**ALL:**



Lord, have mer - cy.

*Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.*

**ALL:**



A - men.

† HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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## *This is the Feast - continued*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## † PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Lord of heaven and earth, present in every searching heart, reveal yourself in our questions and longing. Turn our wandering into witness, that we may proclaim your life-giving love to all. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Sunday School Time: After the Children's sermon, all children (ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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 17:16-31

<sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this pretentious babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup> So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

† HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

Red Hymnal 763



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
 dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
 cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
 not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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## † 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

**☒** Gathered at the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence. After each petition:*

**☒** We pray to you,

**☒**

Shepherd Me, O God

*Refrain*  
All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the words 'Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from'. The second staff contains the melody for the words 'death in - to life.'.

*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.*

## † SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

*Thank you for supporting our ministry together.*

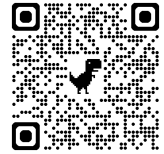
*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, Clay Haapala-soloist*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

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

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Red Hymnal 686, stanza 1

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Give Thee But Thine Own'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (D#). The first system includes the lyrics '1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;'. The second system includes the lyrics 'all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## † OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray together.

**M** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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

- 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** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*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 desire gluten -free communion, 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:*




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

# I Love to Tell the Story

Red Hymnal 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever  
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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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us pray together:

**C** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

### † BENEDICTION

**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## † DISMISSAL

📖 Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

📖 Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*, arr. Larry Shackley

### **Spring New Member Class**

You are invited to come and learn about Oak Knoll and our ministry at this year's new member session **TODAY, Sunday May 3rd 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 May 17th at our 9:30am worship service.

### **An Update on The Knoll**

THE KNOLL returns with new episodes. On Friday, a new episode dropped featuring Erika talking with Rick Johnson about our ministry partner Beacon Housing. There will also be a new episode this Friday where Erika chats with members of the Oak Knoll choir. If you have a story you'd like to share on The Knoll, please contact Stephen Murray at [stephen.murray@oklutheran.org](mailto:stephen.murray@oklutheran.org).

### **LSS Benefit for Youth -- May 5**

Lutheran Social Services is sponsoring a **Benefit for Youth** on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>. This benefit is a time where we gather together to imagine a future where every youth has what they need to succeed and every family has a community of support.

Each year Oak Knoll members attend this benefit and sit at a common table (or tables). We invite you to join us by registering at this [link](#). Be sure to note you are part of our Oak Knoll community on your reservation.

The benefits costs \$25/person and starts at 5:30 and is at Quincy Hall, 1325 Quincy St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413. Any questions, contact Clay or Sandy Haapala ([chaapala@gmail.com](mailto:chaapala@gmail.com), [sandyhaa@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhaa@gmail.com)) or Pastor Michele ([pastor.michele@oklutheran.org](mailto:pastor.michele@oklutheran.org))

### **Taproom Social - Friday, May 8th**

Our next OKL Taproom Social will be **Friday, May 8th**, at Utepils Brewing. Utepils is located at 225 Thomas Avenue North. Our Taproom Socials' are a time for socializing and fellowship. People usually start arriving at 4:00 and stay as late as 7:00. Please pass the word on to others who also might be interested. Contact Jim Blaser or Pastor Jay for more information.

### **SAVE THE DATE - Neighborhood Meal, Wednesday, May 13th; 6-7pm**

Come enjoy a fun, free chicken lasagna meal with vegetarian and gluten friendly options! Stay to enjoy the llamas for all ages! 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. **We have a goal to raise \$2,000 for this event.** Sign up to serve here ([oklutheran.org/serve](http://oklutheran.org/serve)) or at the Welcome Desk. You can sponsor this event [here](#).

### **Jennifer Schneider Ordination-Thursdays, May 14 at 7:00pm at Oak Knoll!**

Vicar Jennifer has been called to serve as Pastor of Engagement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.

She is extending an invitation to the Oak Knoll community to her ordination on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. We celebrate her calling as a Lutheran pastor!

By the grace of God and the call of the Church,  
*Jennifer Lynn Schneider*  
will be ordained to the  
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
Oak Knoll Lutheran Church  
600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Bishop Jen Nagel of the Minneapolis Area Synod,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.

Your prayers and presence are requested.  
Reception with light refreshments to follow.

Clergy are invited to vest and process.  
The color of the day is red.

*Jennifer is called to serve as Pastor of Engagement  
at All Saints Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.*

### LPGM Open House

Minneapolis was hit with a huge snowstorm in mid-March, and we had to cancel our open houses for everyone's safety. Spring is here, and we've set two new dates for our open houses. You are invited to join us for treats and a tour on one of two rescheduled dates: **Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 9:30am–12pm or Monday, May 18, 2026 - 5:00pm-7:00pm**. Click [here](#) for more information or go to <https://lutheranpartners.org/events/open-house-rescheduled>

### Oak Knoll Men's Golf League

The Oak Knoll Men's Golf League has organized for the season and the regular-player teams are filled, but there always are opportunities to play as a sub. The League plays on Thursday nights at Pheasant Acres Golf Club in Corcoran, starting May 7th 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.

If interested, reach out to Clay Haapala, John Burman, or Dale Johnson or email organizer Brian Hines [bghines60@gmail.com](mailto:bghines60@gmail.com)

**Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is our Ministry Partner for May:** Our congregation is one of

about one hundred faith communities that comprise Beacon. Beacon believes that safe, affordable homes provide the basis for stable families and thriving communities. Beacon congregations combine their energy and resources to advance equitable housing policy, provide funding for supportive services, and support the creation of new, deeply affordable homes.



### Seeking Global Refuge Ambassadors

The [Global Refuge Ambassador Network](#) is a nationwide community, made up of passionate advocates, volunteers, and leaders from all walks of life. They are all united by their passion and commitment to stand in solidarity with Global Refuge and the newcomers we serve. Ambassadors are volunteers with Global Refuge who meet with our staff on a quarterly basis virtually, to talk with one another about their action items and give each other ideas.

With active support and training from Global Refuge staff, Ambassadors carry out a wide variety of work on the ground in their communities. From organizing awareness campaigns and advocacy actions to hosting prayer vigils and social media takeovers or gathering supplies to aid local crisis response, it is the Ambassadors that embody Global Refuge's local response in times and areas of need. If you are interested you can apply [here](#). Feel free to schedule a call with me using the link in my email signature if you have any questions about the program.

## **Oak Knoll Rummage Sale, June 11, 12, 13, 2026**

Be a part of this great tradition at Oak Knoll! This year, all proceeds will go to our ministry partners Lutheran Social Service and ICA Food Shelf. 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 online at [oklutheran.org/serve](http://oklutheran.org/serve). You may also show up to serve whenever you're available!



**Donation Drop Off Hours:** Sunday, June 7; 8:30am–Noon, Monday, June 8; 10am–6pm, Tuesday, June 9; 10am–6pm

**Set up Hours:** Sunday, June 7 after fellowship, Monday, June 8–Wednesday, June 9; 10am– 6pm

**Rummage Sale Hours:** Thursday, June 11; 5pm–8pm (Presale-free will offering), Friday, June 12; 10am–6pm; Saturday, June 13; 9am–Noon (\$5 Bag Sale)

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

## **Grief Coalition**

Oak Knoll is proud to be the host site for the weekly Thursday meetings, now through May 21, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. No registration or affiliation is required. Volunteers may sign up to provide treats for this meeting at the Welcome Desk or online at [oklutheran.org/serve](http://oklutheran.org/serve).

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. For more information visit. [www.westsuburbangriefmn.org](http://www.westsuburbangriefmn.org).

*Their mission is to provide caring grief support and education for all adults who are grieving the death of a loved one, by providing a safe, non-threatening environment where people may share and understand feelings of grief and move forward with their lives.*

## **A Warm Welcome to Bonnie Johnson!**

We are excited to welcome our new Finance Manager. Bonnie grew up as part of a big Irish Catholic family in Golden Valley, one of ten kids. She was raised at St Margaret Mary, but like many teenagers drifted from the church for awhile. In the 1990s, her niece's baptism brought her back to the church and reawakened her spiritual being.

Bonnie has spent her entire career working in the nonprofit world.

## **New Church Directory**

If you missed getting your photo taken for the church directory at Oak Knoll Lutheran you can still sign up at St. Mary's on the Lake, 105 Forestview Lane N, Plymouth 55441 which is only a 1/2 mile away from Oak Knoll.

Sign up for your photography slot online at <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>

**Church Code: mn642, Church Password: mnparish642.** If there are six or more in your family or signing up as a multi-generational family, please choose two slots. You can also call St. Mary's to sign up at 763.545.1443.

**Please choose a date between May 27th-30th or June 3rd-6th only as we would like to publish our directory soon. Also, please contact Oak Knoll at 952.546.5433 and let Karla know that you are having your picture taken so she can be sure your photo gets included in Oak Knoll's directory.**

Photo sessions are free and each family that signs up to get their picture taken for the directory will receive a free 8x10 print and a directory. You have the option to purchase other photos if you choose.

## **ELCA College Scholarship Opportunity**

College students who will be attending a Lutheran ELCA college 2026-2027 and are members at Oak Knoll are encouraged to apply for a scholarship funded through earnings from the Oak Knoll Endowment Fund. The deadline for applications is June 1st.

Please send an email to the Church Office, [churchoffice@oklutheran.org](mailto:churchoffice@oklutheran.org) to be sent an application and instructions.

## **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](http://oklutheran.org/serve) and [oklutheran.org/sponsor](http://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](http://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 3rd, 31st, June 7th, July 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th.

**Today, Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Pancake Breakfast	8:00 AM
Worship & Sunday School	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:00 AM
New Member Class	10:45 AM

**Monday, May 4**

Pew Sisters	9:30 AM
Worship Planning	5:30 PM
Bible History Class	7:00 PM

**Tuesday, May 5**

Internship Committee	6:30 PM
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**Wednesday, May 6**

Quilters	9:00 AM
Staff Worship Planning	11:00 AM
Confirmation	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

**Thursday, May 7**

The Gathering	10:00 AM
West Suburban Grief Coalition	4:00 PM

**Friday, May 8**

Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM
Taproom Social	4:00 PM

**Saturday, May 9**

**Sunday, May 10**

Worship & Sunday School	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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### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Jay Rudi, *Senior Pastor*  
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Bonnie Johnson, *Finance Manager*  
Karla Stokke, *Office Administrator*

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Matt Cerar, *Music Director*  
Parker Degerness, *Music Minister*  
Christina Black, *Director of Children, Youth & Family*  
Stephen Murray, *Streaming Director*

**PRESCHOOL** Kathryn Glorvick, *Director*

**HOSPITALITY COORDINATORS** Ezra Black, Ivy Black,  
Sadie Longo, Sonja Leppa, Sylvi Leppa, River Vickerman

**MINISTERS** All members & guests of Oak Knoll

**Cantor:** Clay Haapala

**Reader:** Sean Weiser

**Prayer Leader:** Suzanne Scherschligt

**Communion Servers:** Emily Heyne, Lori Ahmad

**Ushers:** Sean Weiser, Mike Heyne

**Streaming Minister:** Bob Samuelson

**Counters:** Sandy Haapala, Anthony Stavig

**Coffee & Donut Sponsor:** Juselly & Manny French

**Communion Set up/Clean up:** Lisa Moore, Lori Gardner