



OAK KNOLL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Pavana, by William Byrd, Dylan Colburn-piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(over)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Down to the River to Pray, arr. Dr. Bragi Thor Valsson,
Deborah Heltzer, Lisa Merritt - Recorder

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

☞ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

☞ **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

Red Hymnal 619, stanzas 1, 2, 4

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

† GREETING

☞ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ☞ **And also with you.**

† KYRIE *Our Liturgy for the Season of Lent is “Is This the Feast of Victory?”*
by John Hermanson

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

Kyrie (from the Greek for “Lord have mercy”) was originally a shout of praise directed towards God. It is meant to be a joyful cry of “The Lord is merciful!” rather than a plea for mercy.

Cantor:

In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation:



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

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, the well-being
of the church, and the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord:

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and all we offer here
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

Is this the Feast?

Is this the feast of vic-to-ry for our God or a

Fine

fore - taste of the king - dom? 1.You said, "Leave your nets be -
2.When did we see you

hind you," broke bread and drank wine with us. You
hun - gry, when did we feed you,

pro - mised a king - dom, you hung on a cold cross.
Were you a strang - er, and did we wel - come you?

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together.

C God of new life, as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, renew and restore us to new life, leaving in the grave all that prevents us from your abundant life.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jay Rudi

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

John 11:1-44

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Scripture continued on next page

²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY*When We Are Living*Red Hymnal 639, stanzas 1-2
(please remain seated)**SERMON**

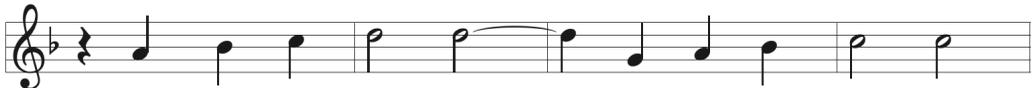
Pastor Jay Rudi

† HYMN OF THE DAY*When We Are Living*Red Hymnal 639.
stanzas 1, 3

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,



we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942
 st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

† 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

Spirit Intercede For Us, By John Hermanson

Spir - it___ in - ter - cede for us___ with sighs too deep for words,

5
Spir - it___ be the voice for us___ speak our prayers so they'll be heard.

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 first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

† 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.

Hymn, by Karl Jenkins

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.

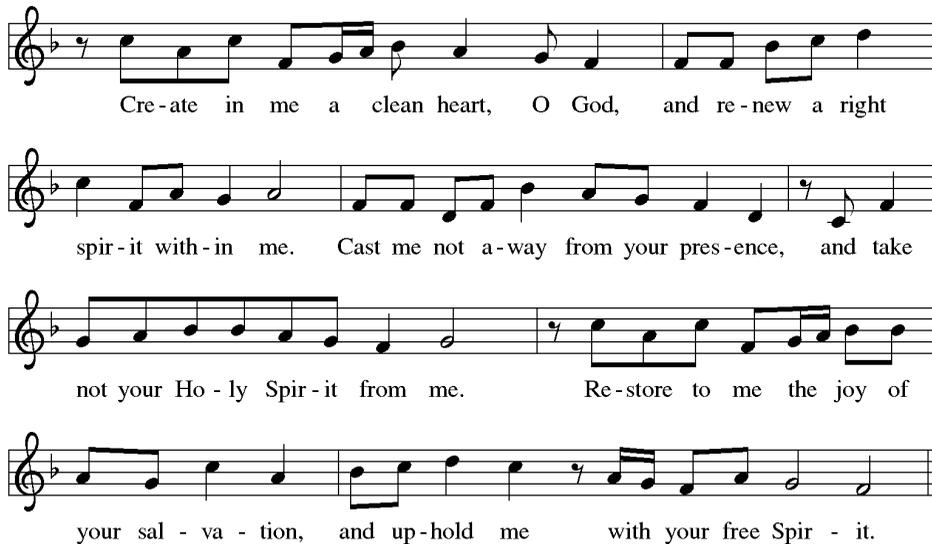


You can go directly to Oak Knoll’s Online Giving page through <http://oklutheran.org/give>, and click on the ‘Give’ button on the top right of the page.

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Red Hymnal 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray together.

Q O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. 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

- P** The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
G It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
G **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. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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.

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

Who emp - tied him - self to be ___ a ser - vant, ___ Who turns o - ver
 ta - bles in the ho - ly tem - ple, who wel - comes the stran - ger, ___
 ___ who vis - its the pris' - ner, ___ who lifts up the poor ___ from the dirt and the
 du - st? Who asks the same thing of us ___ who asks the same thing of us
 ___ who asks the same thing of us ___ Lamb of God ___
 (God) ___ Is this the feast of ___ vic - to - ry? ___ Is this the feast of ___
 ___ vic - to - ry? ___ Is this the feast of ___ vic - to - ry? ___ Is this the
 feast of ___ vic - to - ry? ___

1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I nev - er die,

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note G4, a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a whole note C4. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a half note G2, a half note F#2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, and a whole note C2.

that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.
un - til with you I will one will to do and to en - dure.
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of music continues the vocal line and bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note G4, a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a whole note C3. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a half note G2, a half note F#2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, a quarter note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, and a whole note C1.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889
Music: DURHAM, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

I Am the Bread of Life

Red Hymnal 485

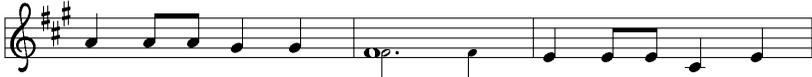
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me - er, un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
blood, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."





- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

† 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 our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

† BENEDICTION

☞ Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

☞ Amen.



Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

† DISMISSAL **P** Go in peace. Believe the good news. **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*, arr. Carol Tornquist

Lent Soup Suppers

Join us for Lent soup suppers on Wednesdays, February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 5:45-6:30pm before our Wednesday night worship services.

This season we will need two extra helpers to set up the soups in the afternoon before Lent suppers! Find these new volunteer slots on the sign up sheet.

You may sign up to serve at one of our soup suppers online at oklutheran.org/serve or at the Welcome Desk.

Follow along as we explore our theme, Unbound: Longing for Wholeness.

Week 1: February 25:	Bound by Jealousy - Genesis 37:3-11
Week 2: March 4:	Bound by Violence - Genesis 37:12-36
Week 3: March 11:	Bound by Dishonest Systems - Genesis 39:1-20
Week 4: March 18:	Bound by Family - Genesis 41 and 42
Week 5: March 25:	Bound by Guilt - Genesis 50:15-21

Senior Event - Thursday, March 5th @ 10:00-noon

Please joins us for treats and social time followed by a St. Patrick's Day sing-along with Stephen Murray and Andy Timmons (a.k.a. Emerald Haze)! Please RSVP by calling the church office at 952.546.5433 or sign up in the Narthex. The registration cost of \$5.00 may be paid in person at the event or online at oklutheran.org/give-online.

Taking Heart Ramadan Iftars



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Manifesting Unity and Building the Common Good

For more than two decades, the Minnesota Council of Churches and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota have partnered with Minnesota Muslims for relationship-building events during Ramadan, a holy month on the Islamic Lunar calendar. Iftars are an opportunity to observe an evening prayer, learn about the Muslim faith, and break fast with your Muslim neighbors over a delicious meal. They are offered between February 18 and March 19 at a variety of sites all around the Twin Cities.

For more information visit: <https://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/taking-heart>

Bible History Class

Rick Johnson will present a 9-week Bible History class on Monday nights from **March 23rd to May 18th**. The class will be held from 7-8:30pm in the Rose Room. Through Old Testament Bible readings, historical background readings, class member participation, and videos, we will look at Old Testament biblical leaders- women and men- covering: the period of the Judges, Samson, Ruth, Samuel and David. This class is for anyone interested in learning about the Old Testament regardless of previous knowledge or whether you were in the previous classes. Be sure to bring your Bibles. Please sign up [online](#) or at the Welcome Desk.



Lutheran World Relief is the Ministry Partner for February:

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery by reaching out to people around the world to help them during crisis situations such as pandemics, droughts, tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes and war.

Our Quilting Group donates quilts to be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings year-round. Your donations help Lutheran World Relief with humanitarian needs throughout the world. You are also welcome to join the Quilting Group, which meets each Wednesday morning in Fellowship Hall!

Find out more by contacting the Church Office or going to lwr.org.

Minneapolis Synod Welcome Fund for Twin Cities Immigrants

Our faith and our church's social teaching call us to respond, to stand with and support our neighbors, and to step boldly into this moment. The Minneapolis Synod's Immigration Task Force has developed a [Welcome Fund](#) to provide direct financial support to immigrant communities in our Synod. If you'd like to contribute to this fund, you can mail a check to the Synod office or [donate online](#).



You may write "Welcome Fund" in the memo line on your check to OKLC, or send a check to Minneapolis Area Synod with "Welcome Fund" in the memo and mail it to: 122 W. Franklin Ave, #600, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Oak Knoll Christian Preschool Plant Sale

The annual Oak Knoll Christian Preschool plant sale will be open for orders from February 16th-April 6th at 10pm.

This is OKCP's biggest fundraising event, with their program receiving 30% of the proceeds. All plant orders will be placed online at gertensfundraising.com using **code 36**, and orders will be delivered to the church on May 16th.

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: February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19

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, February 22, 2026

Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 AM

Monday, February 23

Pew Sisters Bible Class 9:30 AM

Tuesday, February 24

Wednesday, February 25

Quilters 9:00 AM

Staff Worship Planning 11:00 AM

Soup Supper 5:45 - 6:15 PM

Confirmation 6:00 PM

Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 26

Pastor Systems Group 1:00 PM

Friday, February 27

Bulletin Folders 9:30 AM

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, February 22

Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 AM

Oak Knoll Online Giving

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Coffee & Treat sponsor: Your name could be here

Communion set up/clean up: Deb Sandberg

Sharing Garden Request

It's February and that means it's time to plan seed starting for the Sharing Garden! Please save one-gallon plastic milk/water containers for use as mini-greenhouses. Your washed and rinsed containers can be deposited in the labeled, large green garbage can by the volunteer desk. The collection will run through the month of February with sowing to begin in March. Thank you for your support of this ministry for our neighbors in need!