



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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 *The Lord's My Shepherd*, setting by Edwin Childs,
Yvonne Gover-Organ, David Grover-Trumpet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(over)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be Still My Soul, Clay Haapala-soloist

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

📖 Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

📖 Amen.

📖 Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

📖 Compassionate God,

📖 **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

📖 Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. 📖 Amen.

† OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Red Hymnal 632,
stanzas 1-4

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four stanzas of the hymn. The second system contains the final two stanzas. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The music features a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

† 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 *Bread of Life* found in the *With One Voice Hymnal*



☐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☑ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



☐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☑ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



☐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☑ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

REFRAIN



☑ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse One



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

REFRAIN - See prior page (4)

Verse Three

I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
II you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray together.

A O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PREACHING TEXT

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

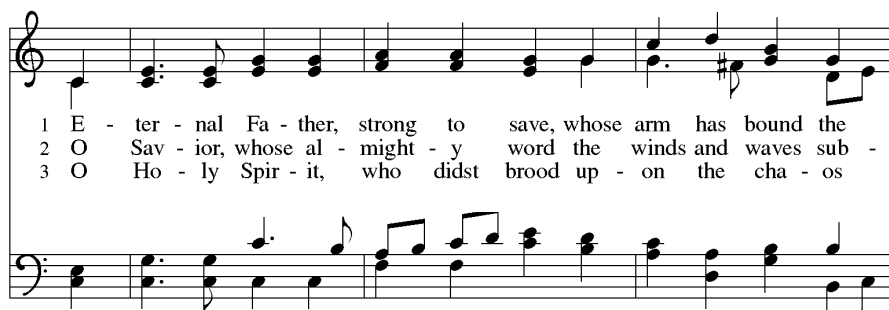
P The Word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

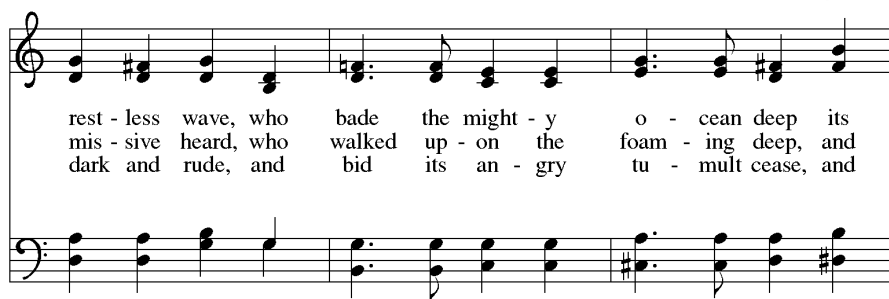
Vicar Chantal Branker

† HYMN OF THE DAY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

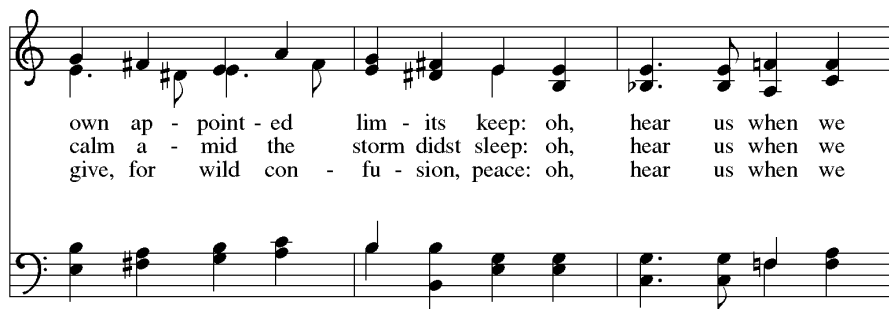
Red Hymnal 756,
stanzas 1-3



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.

† 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 those in need.

A brief silence. After each petition:

P We pray to you,



Red Hymnal 752

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system ends with a semibreve in the bass staff. The second system ends with a whole note in the treble staff and a half note in the bass staff.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

Text and music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

† 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.

When Memory Fades, All Creation Sings 1081, Clay Haapala-soloist

When mem'ry fades and recognition falters,
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused,
speak to our souls of love that never alters;
speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace, empow'r us
with patient courage, by your grace infused.

As frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish
in weary arms, which worked their earnest fill,
your aging servants labor now to finish
their earthly tasks, as fits your myst'ry's will.
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing
your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading.
The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading.
No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and off'rings.
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

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 www.oklutheran.org/give and click on the 'Give' button on the top right of the page.

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Red Hymnal 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray together.

G Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us share your love freely so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US IN THE MEAL

† 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.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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, share in the feast!

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

Today we will 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:

☞ 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

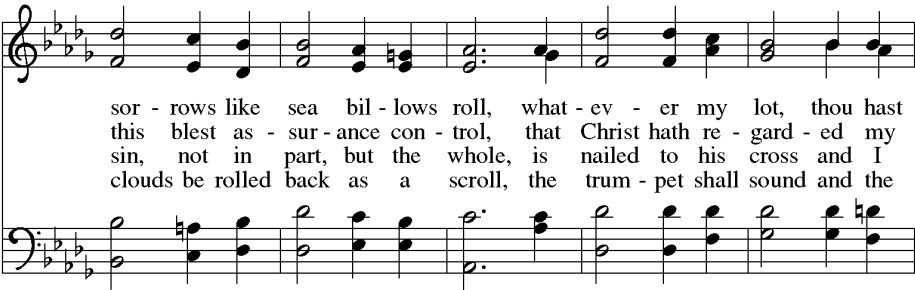
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.





1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

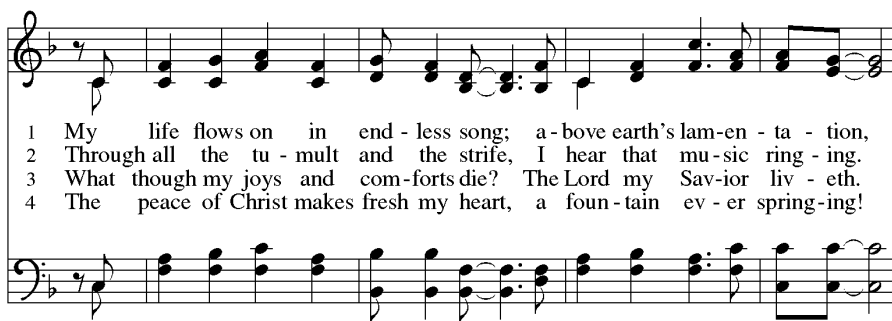


taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

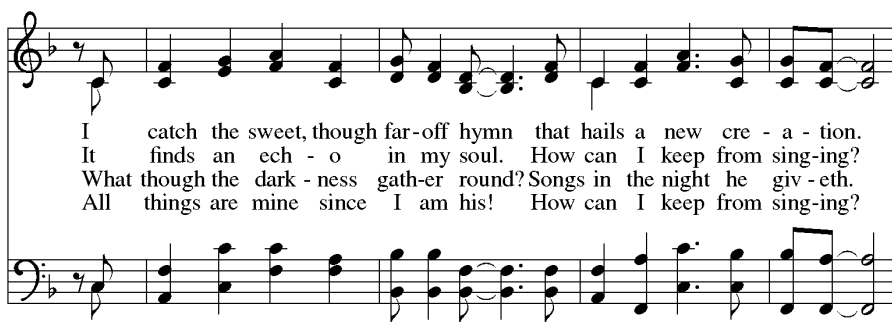
Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

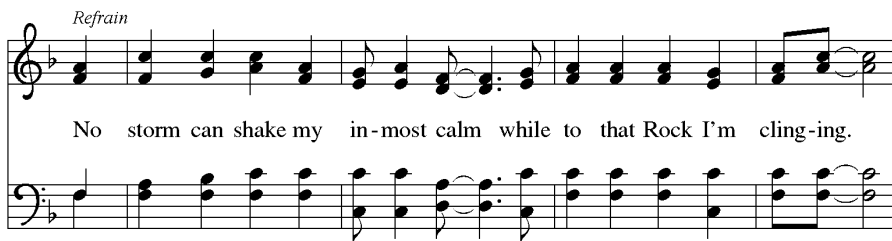


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



- 1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
- 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
- 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
 Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
 Text and music © 1938, 1966 Unichappell Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp.

PRECIOUS LORD
 Irregular

† POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

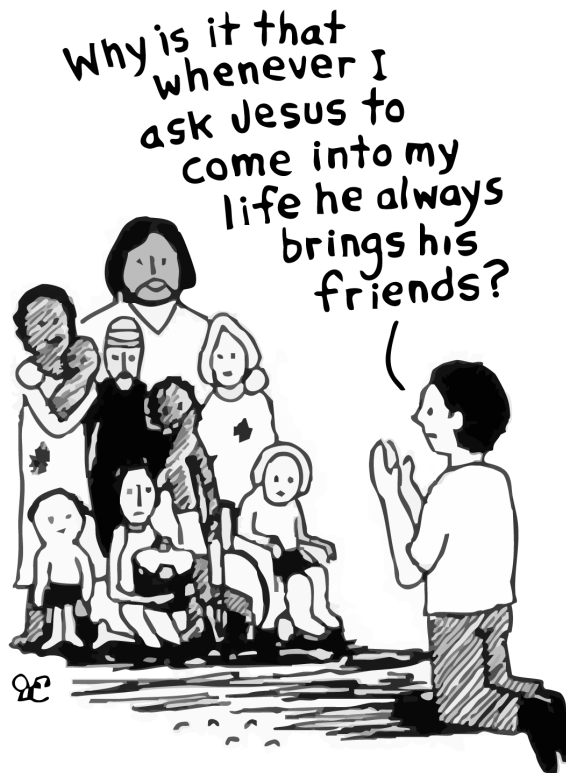
☞ Let us pray together:

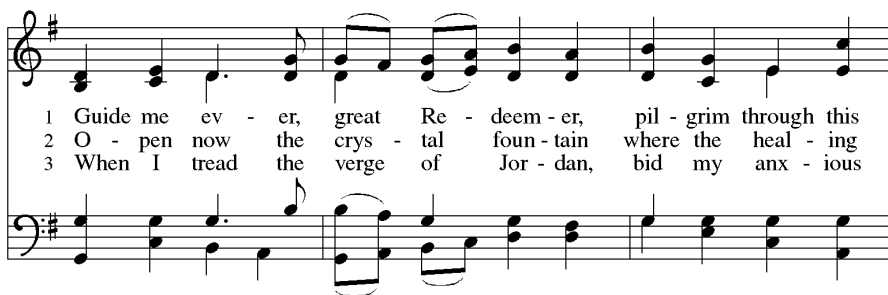
☞ Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us through this holy meal, to share your love freely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

† BENEDICTION

☞ Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. ☞ Amen.

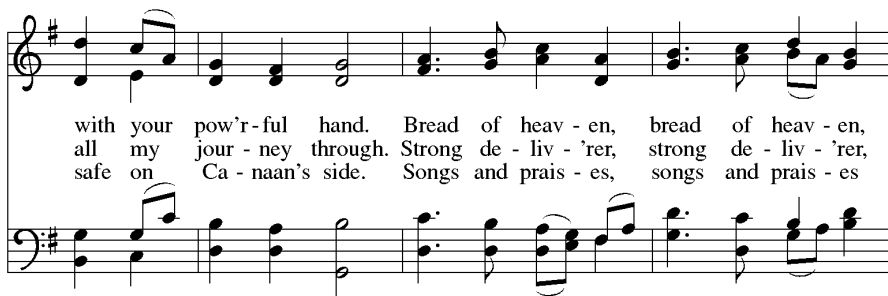




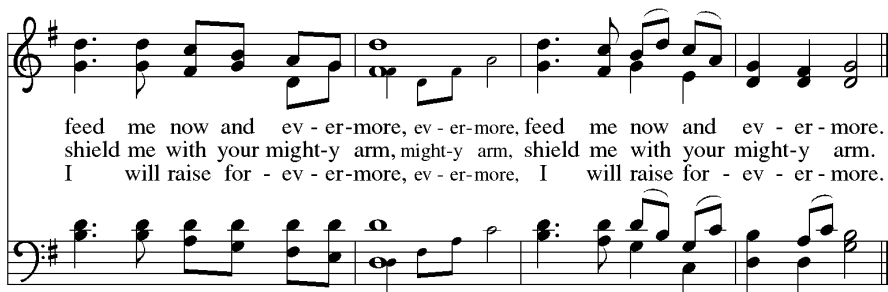
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

† DISMISSAL

 Go, share the good news!

 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate W. A. Mozart, arr.
by Clair W. Johnson, Yvonne Grover-Organ, David Grover-Trumpet

Thank you to our guest musicians today, Yvonne & David Grover!

PCYC School Supply Drive

We will be collecting school supplies for the Plymouth Christian Youth Center **now through August 30th**. 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!

Taproom Social - August 21, 2026

Our next OKL Taproom Social will be **Friday, 21st**, at Back Channel Brewing. It is located at 4787 Shoreline Drive in Minnetonka. 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.

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/volunteer 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: September 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, October 11th, 18th & 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd.



"Walk in the Footsteps of Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer "

- Have you ever wanted to stand where Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses?
- Walk the halls where he lived?
- Visit the castle where he translated the New Testament?
- Reflect at places where Dietrich Bonhoeffer courageously resisted Hitler?
- Cruise the beautiful Rhine River through vineyards and medieval castles?

Join us to learn about an unforgettable **11-day pilgrimage through Germany** that will bring history, faith, Scripture, and the Reformation to life. Whether you're already interested in traveling or simply curious, everyone is welcome to attend this no-obligation information session.

During the informational meeting we will cover the day-by-day itinerary for the trip which will include sharing:

- Important sites we will visit in Luther's life and the Protestant Reformation
- Sites that help us learn about Dietrich Bonhoeffer's courageous witness during World War II
- Historic churches, monasteries, castles, museums, and beautiful German towns
- Expected travel dates
- Estimated pricing and what is included
- Physical activity level and accessibility
- Questions and answers

Continued on back page

Tour Highlights

- Berlin and Bonhoeffer's ministry sites
- Wittenberg and the Castle Church where Luther's 95 Theses changed history
- Luther's home and the Reformation Museum
- Leipzig and St. Thomas Church, where J.S. Bach served
- Buchenwald Memorial
- Eisleben, Luther's birthplace and place of death
- Erfurt's Augustinian Monastery, where Luther became a monk
- Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament
- Worms and the site of Luther's famous stand before the emperor
- Heidelberg Castle and Germany's oldest university
- Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, home of the printing press that spread the Reformation
- A Rhine River cruise through one of Germany's most beautiful landscapes
- Farewell dinner celebrating our journey together

This trip is an opportunity to deepen our faith by visiting places where God worked through ordinary people in extraordinary ways. We'll travel together as a group, learn from history, and consider what it means to faithfully follow Christ in our own time.

As Luther reminded the church, we are saved by God's grace alone, and Bonhoeffer challenged Christians to costly discipleship. This trip invites us to reflect on how God continues to call us today.

Hosted by: Pastor Jay Rudi

For more information you can contact Pastor Jay or visit the website:

<https://reserve.goodshepherdtravel.com/tours/join-pastor-jay-rudi-on-a-pilgrimage-of-faith-and-witness-to-germany-from-minneapolis-mn-msp-april-08-18-2027/>

This Week at Oak Knoll Lutheran

Today, Sunday, August 9, 2026

Worship	9:30 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

Internship Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
------------------------------	---------

Wednesday, August 12

Quilters	9:00 AM
Staff Worship Planning	11:00 AM

Thursday, August 13

Men's Breakfast - Perkins on HWY 7	8:00 AM
Heavenly Burritos - Volunteers Welcome	6:00 PM

Friday, August 14

Bulletin Folders	9:30 AM
------------------	---------

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

Worship	9:30 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 AM
Sandwich Ministry - Fellowship Hall	10:45 AM

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/>

Oak Knoll Online Giving

You can go directly to Oak Knoll's Online Giving page through www.oklutheran.org/give and click on the 'Give' button on the top right of the page.



Oak Knoll Lutheran Church

600 Hopkins Crossroad
Minnetonka, MN 55305-1486
(952) 546-5433
churchoffice@oklutheran.org
www.oklutheran.org

PASTORAL STAFF

Jay Rudi, *Senior Pastor*
Michele Abbott, *Pastor*
Chantal Branker, *Vicar*

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Bonnie Johnson, *Finance Manager*
Karla Stokke, *Office Administrator*

PROGRAM STAFF

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,
Sonja Leppa, River Vickerman

MINISTERS All members & guests of Oak Knoll

Cantor: Clay Haapala

Reader: Sue Larson

Prayer Leader: Sue Larson

Communion Servers: Debbie Burrington. Larry Burfeind

Usher:

Counters: Sue Larson, Sandy Haapala

Coffee & Donut Sponsor: Joe & Sara Wandrei ~ *In honor of Mackenzie & Eleanor's baptism*

Communion set up/clean up: Pam Thompson

Summer Office Hours

Our 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 or hit the green call button on the panel and someone will buzz you in. You will hear a click and then you can enter.

