

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
Loving God...Changing Lives*



OAK GROVE
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Jan. 3, 2021	Second Sunday of Christmas	10:45 am
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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude Nancy Hauser

Welcome & Announcements Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle Mary Koon

Call to Worship Karen Gerdes

One: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here; from the ends of the earth
we come.

**All: With a word of promise, a spring of water, a loaf of bread, and
a cup of wine.**

One: God turns our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into joy.

All: Let us gather and worship God this day.

Opening Song (selected carols)

Opening Prayer Karen Gerdes

**God of every nation, by the light of a wondrous star you led wander-
ing magi to the humble infant Jesus, revealing to them your salvation
for the world. In the miraculous and the mundane, in union with all
who have glimpsed the light of your grace, lead us to Christ, that we
may offer our worship and serve him with sincerity of heart; for he
lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart Loaves & Fishes Anne Fisher

A Commissioning of Loaves & Fishes at Oak Grove

Anne Fisher

One: Do we the members and friends of Oak Grove welcome the staff and volunteers of Loaves & Fishes as they prepare and serve meals from our church building?

All: We do.

One: Do we the members and friends of Oak Grove welcome the people who will come to receive the food from Loaves & Fishes as they pick it up from our parking lot?

All: We do.

One: Will we ceaselessly pray and work toward the day when all will be fed and no one will go to bed hungry?

All: We will.

One: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Sending Song

“Near or Far”

J McKinnon

Near or far apart, You're always in my heart. God's love is here to stay, Close and far away. Resting in God's peace, Praying for God's hope, Serving God's joy, United in God's love.

Anthem

“From A Distant Land”

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1–12

Anne Fisher

Message

“Follow That Star”

Anne Fisher

We Respond to God's Word

Offering of Ourselves & Our Gifts

Anne Fisher

Offering Music

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Prayer of Dedication

Karen Gerdes

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother, and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

Song of Dedication No. 113

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

¹ Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Anne Fisher

Song of Invitation No. 500 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

¹ Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart. ² Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mary Koon

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Mary Koon

Sharing the Bread

Mary Koon

Sharing the Cup

Anne Fisher

Prayer following Communion

Anne Fisher

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song (selected carols)

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending Song No. 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Postlude

Nancy Hauser



Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Sonya Butler** and **Karen Gerdes**

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper**

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes** and **Gordon Goodwin**

Chancel flowers are given by **Jessica Bowers**,
in *memory of grandmother, Jean McCarl's, 88th birthday.*



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Rodger Schwartz** who joined the church triumphant December 26, 2020, "In Life and Death we belong to God."



Thank you to all who have prayed, sent supportive messages and cards during the difficult loss of Lisa's father, Bob. If you ever wonder if it makes a difference, we can say without a doubt that your kindness has been such a comfort. Thank you to all.

Blessings, The Ervin Family – Bruce, Lisa & Hannah