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Loving God... Changing Lives!



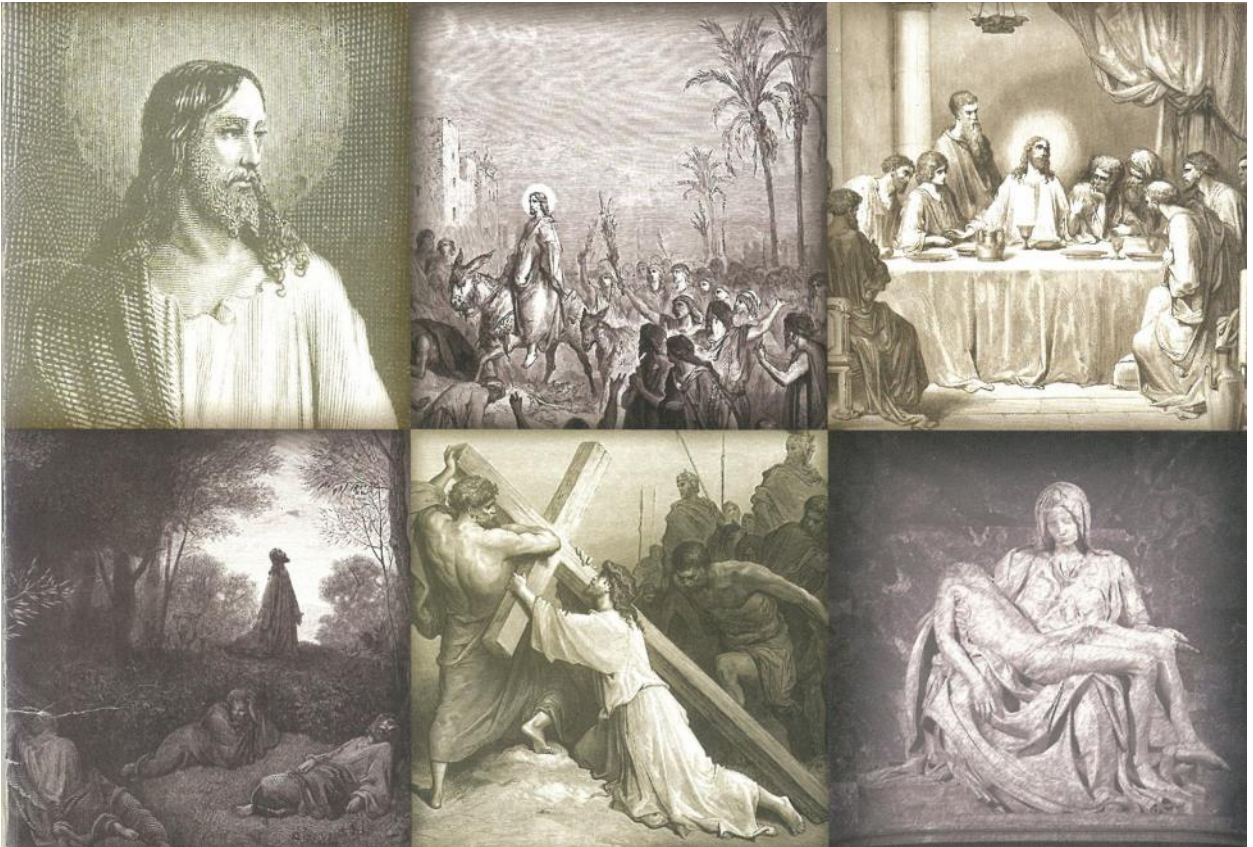
OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder

“There is no greater disability in society, than the inability to see a person as more.” – Robert M. Hensel, Author



We Gather in God's Name

Prelude & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome & Announcements

***Hymn & Procession of Palms** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 197

Call to Worship Eric Johnson

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

Blessed is the coming reign of our God!

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

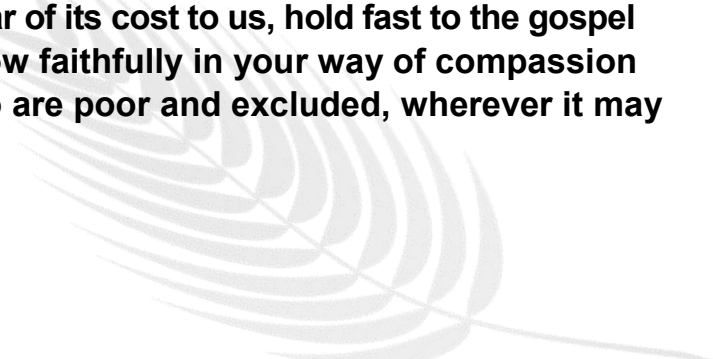
As we enter this holy week, we come in joy and trembling;

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

***Opening Prayer** Eric Johnson

O Christ, you entered the city as a poor man not in style but simply, yet still you caused uproar, and questions everywhere; you drew the expectations of a hungry crowd, and brought buried conflicts to the light.

May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval, and who often avoid conflict for fear of its cost to us, hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice and follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity with those who are poor and excluded, wherever it may lead us. Amen.



***Passing of the Peace**

Eric Johnson

Let us greet one another as new beings, reconciled to God and one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*Exchange the peace with those around you.*)

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Like the palms laid long ago in honor of Jesus, we bring these gifts as a sign of our commitment and allegiance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

([^] *Father, Mother or Creator*)

Our God[^] 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.

Scripture

Mark 11:1–11 (NT: p. 47 | LPNT: p. 57)

We Go Forth in God's Name

Choir Cantata

"Lenten Sketches"

by Joseph M. Martin

"Portrait of Grace"

"Behold, The King of Zion Comes"

"From An Upper Room"

"Scenes from Gethsemane"

"Tableau of Sorrow"

"Pieta"

*Benediction

Be diligent. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous and strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hosanna to the Lord Most High! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Epilogue

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Eric Johnson** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

Director of Music: **Judy Cooper** | Accompanist: **Nancy Jensen;**

Artwork PowerPoint: **Deb DeMeester;**

Flute: **Enid Lang** | Oboe: **Kristen Cooper;**

Clarinet: **Dale Copeland** | Violin: **Emily Lassiter;**

French Horn: **Linda Johnson** | Percussion: **Caitlin Lucic;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow**

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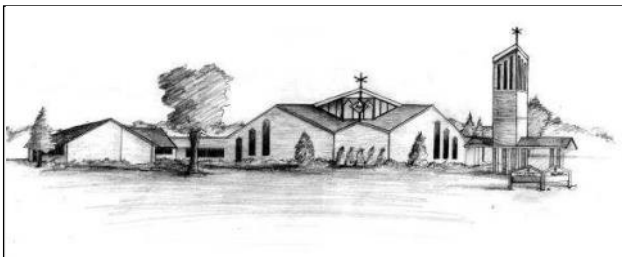
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

We are proud to be a Matthew 25, Green Care and More Light Congregation.

The congregation of Oak Grove values its roots that go back more than 150 years, even as we follow the movement of the Spirit into new ways of being and doing.

We always welcome your suggestions.

Greeters: **John & Jeri Anderson**



Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office to let us know when you have new requests or updates for family and friends, or when a death occurs so we can support and care for you or your loved one.

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OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

HINT #8: Countdown to April 14 Opportunity Fair
(a Mission Committee event)

What location did **Loaves & Fishes** move to after leaving Oak Grove? If you answered, **Christ the King Lutheran Church**, **YOU MAY BE ON NANCY KACHEL'S TEAM!**



Oak Grove Intergenerational Civil Rights Pilgrimage: June 19–22



Now is the time to sign up for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama! We're looking forward to sharing this transformative, thought-provoking trip together. The trip is designed for people ages 16 and up, and will be facilitated by the non-profit, Catalyst for Harmony. For more information and to sign up, visit: <https://bit.ly/ogpc-civil-rights-trip>

If you would like to speak to an organizer, please contact Kathy Howell (kathyhowell@comcast.net) or Mary Koon (mkoon@oakgrv.org); either of them would be happy to share our enthusiasm for and information about the journey and ways to participate in fund-raising to offset costs.

We will travel as a group of about 20 people. Oak Grove and friends have priority sign-ups now. After April 7, if needed, we will share the invitation with other churches.



Sankofa- a word from Ghana. This Sankofa bird symbolizes retrieving from the past in order to move forward in the present.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- Mar. 26 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10a–noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- Mar. 26 | Roger Ebeling Memorial Service (11:00 am)
Reception to follow
- Mar. 28 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
- Apr. 2 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Apr. 2 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0684)
- Apr. 4 | Mission (6–8:00 pm)
Contact Greg Johnson (612-590-7461)
- Apr. 4 | Deacons (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Jen Pol (952-881-0273)
- Apr. 4 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Growing Through Grief
Oak Grove Lutheran Church
(7045 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield 55423)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Save the Dates!

Maundy Thursday, March 28:

7:00 pm Worship: A Tenebrae service of scripture, prayer, and communion.

Good Friday: March 29:

12–3:00 pm: A series of six prayer stations will be set up in the fellowship hall that invite you to walk “the way of sorrows” to the cross, through the eyes and experiences of one of Jesus’ closest disciples.

Saturday: March 30:

Easter Egg Hunt at 3:00 pm outside on church grounds, weather permitting!

Easter Sunday, March 31 Worship:

6:45 am outside at the Columbarium, weather permitting.

8:15 am and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary with choir/orchestra.

Church Office Hours

The church office will close at noon on Friday, March 29 and will be closed all day on Monday, April 1. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Pastor Bart Roush at 210-551-1136. Thank you.

Oak Grove's Purpose

Oak Grove is a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith seeking to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Values

Beyond our faith in God, our example in Jesus, and guidance from the Holy Spirit, our congregational values are the underlying ethic by which we define our community.

Authenticity

Celebratory Joyfulness

Compassion

Deep Relationships

Humble Curiosity

Inclusivity

Justice

Statement of Land Acknowledgement

We collectively acknowledge that Oak Grove Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional and ancestral lands of Indigenous people. We reside on land that holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for the Dakota, Native Nations and Indigenous people of the region. The land was ceded by the Dakota to the U.S. Government through treaties created and upheld with racist underpinnings.

By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold Oak Grove Presbyterian Church accountable to Indigenous people and Nations. We recognize, and continually seek to support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native Nations in this territory and beyond.

For more information, please visit our website www.oakgrv.org.