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OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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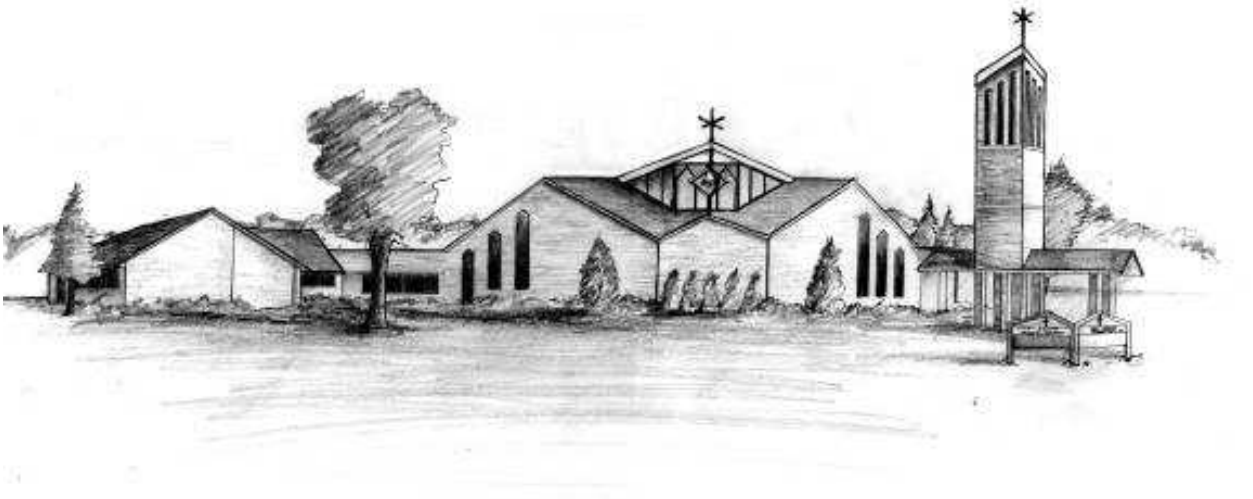
Oct. 11, 2026 **20th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:30 am**



A Thought to Ponder

"Indigenous people and people of color possess exactly the perspective and wisdom needed to fix the system and heal the wounds in the world."
– *Edgar Villanueva, Author of "Decolonizing Wealth"*

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 65*) Dick Reinke

One: Sing praise to God, who answers prayer!

All: Whose strength builds mountains, and silences the roaring seas.

One: The earth overflows with God's bounty and goodness.

All: And all creation sings for joy!

One: Let us join in the eternal hymn to our creator.

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" 804

***Prayer of Confession** Dick Reinke

All: Good and gracious God, our hearts are heavy with care for this world and our loved ones. Forgive us for the ways we have contributed to injustice, conflict, and oppression. Soften our hearts toward those who suffer and free us from apathy. Restore in us the joy of your salvation as we recommit to your ways. (*silent confession*)

***Assurance of Grace** Dick Reinke

One: God's love is huge – greater than our ability to sin. In the name of Jesus Christ we are all forgiven and freed to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace Dick Reinke

One: As beloved people of God, let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

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

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn of Response "These Treasured Children" (vss 1 & 4) 487

Reception of New Members

Brad Bowker
Amber & Roger Cotton
Kristin Dean & Cindy Reed
Michelle & Ross Dunbar
Jess Godfrey & Alex Martinez
Alice Gough
Jean & John Nelson
Jenny Pollak
Jim & Jackie Schnackenberg

Congregational Welcome

In the name of Jesus we welcome you to Oak Grove. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus with you and nourish our faith together. As followers of Jesus, we promise to work with you to bring God's love, peace, and justice to our church, community, nation and world. Thanks be to the God who unites us!

Scripture Philippians 4:1–9 (NT: 198 | LPNT: 242)

Message "Worship as Stewardship"

Faith Talk Emily Lassiter

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
by Medema/Schrader

***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**

Most Gracious God, accept our offerings of joy. Use our gifts of time, talent, prayer, and treasure so that the burdens of this life may be shared, suffering relieved, justice done, and your love made known throughout the world. 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.

<u>We Go Forth in God's Name</u>

***Closing Hymn** "Together We Serve" 767

***Benediction**

Sending Song "Take My Life" (vss 1 & 4) 697

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Mary Koon & Erica Schemper;**
Liturgist: **Dick Reinke** | Faith Talk: **Emily Lassiter** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**
Pianist/Organist: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**
Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Greg Johnson & Ruth Dukelow;**
Greeter: **Kirsten Jansen** | Custodian: **Bear Brown**

Chancel flowers are given today by
Ron & Jill Dubis, in ***celebration*** of ***our 40th wedding anniversary,*** and by
Lisa & Belle Sheff, in ***memory*** of ***mother & grandmother, Gail Parendo.***

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

We are proud to be a Matthew 25, Earth Care, Covenant Network, 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.

Congregational Meeting & Waffle Breakfast: Sunday, Oct. 25

There will be a short congregational meeting immediately following worship to elect the incoming class of Elders (Karen Alonzi, Amanda Fineran, Jeff Hotchkiss, Iris Karow, Mark Pridgeon), Deacons (Cathy Colborn, Shannon Hauger, Curt Lambrecht, Glenda Robicheau, Marikay Wolf), as well as members-at-large (Sandy Crum, Cece Nedrud) to the Nominating Committee.

Join us in the social hall following the congregational meeting for a **waffle breakfast** complete with lots of toppings, hash browns, sausage, and orange juice prepared by Oak Grove youth! Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

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Adult Faith Formation: Sundays, 9:00–10:00 am

Please join us in the Fireside room for informative, faith-filled speakers and topics. Afterwards, join us in the social hall for coffee and refreshments.

Oct. 18: John Crampton: Artificial Intelligence and Environmental Considerations. Our own John Crampton will lead us in discussion about the environmental implications of AI and its energy usage.

Oct. 25: Spiritual Practices and the Reformation, Pastor Erica. One of the mottos of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation Movement was “the Reformed Church, always Reforming.” On Reformation Sunday, let’s talk about the spiritual practices of our spiritual ancestors from that time period, and how we might adopt and adapt (reform) them for our own times.

Children & Youth Faith Formation: Sundays, 9:30–10:15 am

Children (preschool to 5th grade) will start in the community room before proceeding to their classrooms. Youth (6th–12th grades) will meet in room 5 (middle school) on the lower level for Sunday School.

Tai Chi Classes: Tuesdays & Fridays (5:45–7:15 pm)

Basic tai chi classes will be offered at Oak Grove in the Community Room beginning Sept. 22. The classes will be an introduction to Yang-style tai chi known for its slow, graceful, continuous, and soft circular movements. Come when you can. No experience necessary and all ages welcome. Please use the choir entrance (door #7).

The Deacons' Bench

Please visit the Deacons’ Bench, located just outside the social hall, and write a note to someone on the prayer list! We have Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, and plain note cards. Place the recipient's name on the envelope and we will address it (if a church member) and mail it for you. This is a beautiful way to share Christ’s love.

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Oct. 12 | Listening Group (1–2:30 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary

Oct. 12 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)
Contact Nancy Kachel

Oct. 12 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary

Oct. 13 | Public Witness (5:30–7:00 pm)
Contact Sue Lippert (207-837-2800)

Oct. 15 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

Oct. 18 | Golden Harvest Dinner (following worship)
80+ church members &
Friend-to-Friend partners

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat

Come one, come all! Wear a costume, pull up your car and provide treats for excited trick-or-treaters! We know we'll have a great time.

Please plan to arrive by 10:15 am (the event begins at 10:30 am) to set up in the upper parking lot. If we have more, we'll continue into the lower lot. We hope to see you there!

Hennepin County Swap-it: Saturday, Nov. 7 (12–2:00 pm)

Location: Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Bring gently used **kitchen gadgets** you no longer need. Take home stuff you can use. Swap it – for free. Swap-it events are a fun, sustainable way to reduce waste, share resources, build community, and support local reuse efforts. You don't have to bring anything to take something home. Everyone is welcome to participate. For more information, and a full list of items accepted, please visit: https://bit.ly/ogpc-swap-it26.

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.