



AND ^{now} these
THREE remain:
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE.
But the greatest of
these is LOVE.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13, NIV

Oak Valley Lutheran Church
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C) And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L) In the beginning was the Word,

C) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L) In the Word was life,

C) and the life was the light of all people.

L) The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C) and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

CANTICLE

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L) The Lord be with you **C) And also with you.**

L) Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” ⁹Then

the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L) The Word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L) The word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

C) Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives. Alleluia.

L) The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L) The Gospel of the Lord **C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L) In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C) We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L) Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C) I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

L) Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C) pray in the Holy Spirit.

L) Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C) look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L) If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C) Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L) God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

L) Gracious God,

C) have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L) The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **C) Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS

L) With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

L) God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness (*especially*). Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **C) Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (all join)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

L) The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C) Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Go My Children with My Blessing" ELW 543

DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord. **C) Thanks be to God.**