



The truth  
will make you  
free

JOHN 8:32

**Oak Valley Lutheran Church**  
**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## 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 SONG      "A Mighty Fortress"      ELW 504 vs 1,2,4**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L) You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C) a people of holy to the Lord our God.**

L) Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C) Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

L) One does not live by bread alone,

**C) but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

### 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.**

**L) We are going to try something new for our youth. We are hoping that it will be something you will look forward to every Sunday. We are calling it Holy Commotion. In the back of the Sanctuary is abundance of instruments for the youth to choose from. We ask that you grab one now and bring it forward to join in Holy Commotion.**

**HOLY COMMOTION      "Every Move I Make"**

### PEACE

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

L) At this time I will ask the pathfinders to place their offering in the basket, and they may share the peace on their way to class. Let us join sharing the peace however we see fit at this time.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L) Let us pray... Almighty God, gracious Lord, **we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING                      Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

## **GOSPEL**

L) The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C) Glory to you, Lord**

## **GOSPEL John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN of the Day**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**ELW 779**

## **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

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Create in Me"

### THE PRAYERS

L) Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

L) God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness (*especially*). Renew the face of the earth. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict (*especially*). God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer (*especially*). Be their rest and comfort. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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**

**"Rise, Shine You People"**

**ELW 665 1,3,4**

## **DISMISSAL**

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