

August 23, 2026 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Oak Lake Lutheran Church
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AS WE GATHER: We are happy that you are worshiping with us today.
Today's worship service is being led by Hila Dipman.

L: Leader **C: Congregation** *Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

* L: Come, let us worship the Living God!

C: We come to give Him our praise.

L: God does not ask for dead offerings or empty rituals. God asks for you.

C: We bring our bodies, our minds and our hearts.

L: In view of God's great mercy, let us offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

C: This is our true and proper worship. Let us praise the Lord!

L: Let us pray together: **"Holy Spirit, we invite you into this space. We don't just want to sing songs and listen today; we want to give you our lives. We offer our minds to be renewed, our hearts to be softened, and our hands to serve. We place ourselves on Your altar as a living sacrifice. Come and transform us by Your presence. Let our voices and our hearts rise together in true worship. In Jesus' name. Amen"**

***Opening Song: "Beautiful Savior" LBW 518**

First Lesson	Isaiah 51:1-6	The Lord Comforts Zion
Psalm	138	Thanksgiving to God for His Enduring Mercy
Second Lesson	Romans 12	Living Sacrifices to God
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter Confesses Jesus as Christ

Sermon: Living our Lives as a Living Sacrifice Hila Dipman

***Hymn: "Take My Life, that I May Be"**

LBW 406

Offering

Offertory Prayer: ***C. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

***Greet one another and share God's love**

***Sending Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

LBW 260

***Benediction:**

L: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. We confess that we often conform to the pressures and fears of the world around us.

C: Forgive us for the times we have offered You only fragments of our lives instead of our whole selves.

L: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. This week, accept us as a living sacrifice.

C. May your word shape us, Your presence heal us and your truth send us out ready to serve a world in need.

L: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

—ANNOUNCEMENTS—

We welcome all to worship today. Please join us after the service for treats and conversation. Members, especially, greet our visitors and welcome them to your table.

September Newsletter deadline is Wednesday, August 26th

Farmer's Market – every Saturday 9:30-11:30 or sellout

Sunday, August 30th, Joint worship at 9:30 am at Trinity for "God's Work our Hands" service day – Potluck brunch to follow services. **No services at Oak Lake on the 30th.**

Pancake Breakfast on 9/5/2026 (see signup sheet for helping with breakfast).