21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18th, 2026
Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA
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Prelude
Welcome/Invocation
Litany of Welcome
P: We gather now in the name of Christ, the one who calls us to bring in the kingdom of God: a kingdom not of houses, not of land, but a kingdom of love and acceptance, a kingdom where we are God's hands in this world.
Song: # 409
"Praise and Thanksgiving" vs. 1-2
P: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet.
"Praise and Thanksgiving" vs. 3-4
P: Welcome to this place. Welcome to this worship. Let us praise the God of all who has brought us here. Let us learn of God's love and share that love wherever we go. Be welcome here, for this is God's house.
Greeting of Peace
P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Song: # 534
"Now Thank We All Our God"
Litany of Thanksgiving
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For all that we have been given!
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes.
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For the blessings of life and faith and hope.
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us, and the Counselor who guides us.
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers.
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For God has blessed us beyond all expectations.
P: We praise and thank our God
C: For all blessings which compel us to reach out to those with less, to be of service to any in need, to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.
P: Let us pray,
C: Lord God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us. Open our hearts and minds to your will that we may be free to share everything we have, to give away whatever holds us hostage in spirit, that we may always know that possessions are just that: things, lovely to have, but in the end only good for the good work they can do in this world. Keep us always in that work, the work of Christ and Christ's kingdom, the kingdom of God. Amen.

1st Lesson	Isaiah 45: 1-7
2nd Lesson	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Gospel	Matthew 22: 15-22
Sermon	Pastor Tim

(silent reflection)
Song "Day by Day"
Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heavenly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Offering
Offering Prayer:
P: Let us pray,
C: God of all, thank you for the life you gave me, the goods which you supplied to me, and the power to make a difference in this world.

Be with me in my daily tasks, my daily joys, my daily sorrows, so that every day, every minute belongs to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Meal
Songs during the meal: #710 (WOV) One Bread, One Body
#212 (LBW) Let Us Break Bread Together
Communion Blessing
Communion Prayer
Closing Song # 221
Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
Benediction
Sending
P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!
Postlude

We extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign our guest book and join us for coffee and treats after today's worship.

Thank you to Nathan Frazer for leading us with music today. Thanks also go to Bill Spaulding for being our audio/visual technician today.

Announcements

Today – Fall Hike in the woods at the Sway's home. All are welcome, hike leaving their yard at 2 pm.
October 20 - at Oak Lake: WELCA 9:30 am- 2 pm (quilting/lunch/bible study/business meeting); Health Council meets at 4:30 pm; Council at 6:30pm

October 21 – Newsletter Deadline - Confirmation 6-7:30 pm at Bethlehem in Askov

October 22 – Cooperative Council – 5 pm at Hope in Moose Lake

October 25 Worship at 11:15 am followed by Congregational Meeting To approve designating funds for rebuilding the front steps. Potluck luncheon to follow.

October 29th – Fundraiser for YMCA camp scholarships at Parker's Sandbar from 4-8 pm

Oct 31 – Community Trunk or Treat at Duquette Park 4-6:30 pm – contact Anne Marie if you are donating treats or have questions.

November 1st worship at noon at YMCA Camp Miller, 89382 E Frontage Rd, Sturgeon Lake, MN. There will be a free catered meal, Communion Worship, music by Rhoda, games & fun. No services at Oak Lake or Trinity.