

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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*"This is a day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"*  
*Welcome to worship! We are so pleased that you are able to join us today to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, please know our door is always open to you. We welcome all our guests. If you are visiting today, please sign our Guest Book, so that we may properly acknowledge your visit with us.*



Preaching/Presiding:	Pr. Sue Tarkka
Worship Band:	The Enduros
Pianist/Organist:	Becky Brantner
Reader:	Noni Strand

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements

\* **Confession and Forgiveness**

\* Gathering Song “Seeds of the Kingdom” The Enduros

\* Prayer of the Day --- **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*FIRST READING* Jeremiah 31:31-34

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING* Hebrews 5:5-10

A: The holy Gospel, according to John

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

\* *GOSPEL READING:* John 12:20-33

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children’s sermon

Sermon

\* Hymn for the Message                      “Now the Green Blade Rises”                      ELW #379

\* *Apostles' Creed*  
*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*  
*I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,*  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,*  
*suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;*  
*he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;*  
*he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,*  
*and he will come 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.*

\* The Prayers                      C: Your mercy is great.  
\* Sharing the Peace                      C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES  
Special Music                      “Medley of the Cross”                      OPLC Choir  
Offertory                      “Thank You, Lord”  
\*Offertory Prayer

\* **Lord’s Prayer**                      ELW pg. 145  
\* Communion Distribution  
\* Communion Blessing  
\* Benediction

\* Sending Hymn                      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”                      ELW #545

\* P: Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

We believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and we hope you gain strength and comfort from that belief as well. All are welcome to Holy Communion. Please come forward as the ushers instruct. Elements will be distributed at altar (wine is red (outside edge), juice is amber (middle). Children who have not received first communion instruction, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

**\*- Denotes a time to stand during service. Please stand as you are able.**  
**HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available. Please see an usher for assistance.**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 17, 2024**

**TODAY’S PSALM:**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

Psalm 51:10

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 11:1-11

**Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church before the Sermon.**


**No Children’s Church next week.**

**Palm Sunday will be family friendly.**

Church contacts:  
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**COFFEE HOUR!**

*Join us in the fellowship hall after the service.*



*If you can help with treats served with coffee, please sign up at the volunteer area by the mailboxes.*

**In our prayers**

Bob Allen, Graeme McCrosson, Allen Parr, Darren Douset, Barbara Latham, Barbara Love-Ross, Daniel Gross, Doug Cox, Tammy Lawson, Tim Herman, Jake Burkholder, Ossi Tarkka, Peter and Victoria Barnick, Fran Hall, Louie Tremonti, Dan Mott, Todd Eaton, Don Mott, Dan Morlan, Nancy West, Melinda Lickteig, Alena and Atom Pidgeon

*Please notify the office regarding any prayer requests and updates.*

**\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***


TODAY— **Haiku Bible Study** 10:45am Parish Hall

March 20<sup>th</sup> – **Midweek Meal 6pm & Lenten Service 7pm**  
**Choir Practice**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Earth Hour** 8pm-9:30pm Contact Noni for details [nonistrand@gmail.com](mailto:nonistrand@gmail.com)

March 28<sup>th</sup> – **Maundy Thursday Service 7pm**

March 29<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday Tenebrae 7pm**



\*Use this QR Code for your online giving today\*

The **Mini Food Pantry** needs your help staying stocked!!

*Urgent Needs: Peanut Butter, shelf stable milk, Soups-hearty, Pasta, Chef Boyardee, Flour Tortillas, and Tuna*

Please drop items in the box in the Narthex each Sunday.

We also accept monetary gifts. Please note as a donation for the OPLC Mini Pantry.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!