

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**March 24, 2024**



*"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: Pastor Sue Tarkka  
Worship Band: The Enduros  
Pianist/Organist: Becky Brantner  
Readers: Lisa Provence,  
Jenny and Dave Cedillo, Gary Groening,  
Juan and Lea Huaman, Dan Mott,  
Don Mott and Noni Strand.

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Gathering Music  
Welcome

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

\*Processional Reading Mark 11:1-11

A: The gospel of the Lord.

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

\*Blessing of Palms

\*Processional Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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\* Confession and Forgiveness

\* Prayer of the Day --- *Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

\* GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1-15:47

Palm Sunday Theatre

The Passion of Christ According to Mark

Announcements

\* *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
- Offertory
- \*Offertory Prayer
- “Thank You, Lord”
- The Enduros

COMMUNION

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

- \* Sending Hymn
- “He Reigns”
- The Enduros

\* 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

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**TODAY’S PSALM:**  
“Into your hands, O LORD, I  
commend my spirit.”  
Psalm 31:5

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**  
  
Acts 10:34-43  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

**No Children’s Church Palm Sunday  
(03/24) or Easter Sunday (03/31). We  
invite the children to enjoy worship  
with us. Children’s Bulletins are  
located in the Narthex.**

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, 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. Unless notified to the contrary, names on this  
list for whom we pray during worship will remain for two  
consecutive weeks.*

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

TODAY— **Boy Scout Troop #256 Pancake  
Breakfast** 8:30am-11:30am in Parish  
Hall. Free Will Donations.

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

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

March 31<sup>st</sup> – **Easter Sunday Services**  
8am and 9:30am Breakfast Served

April 6<sup>th</sup>- **Spring Stream Clean** 12:30pm  
Young’s Park Contact Noni for more info.

\*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!