

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: Pastor Sue Tarkka
Worship Band: The Enduros
Pianist/Organist: Becky Brantner
Reader: Noni Strand

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

* Opening Song **"Morning Has Broken"** ELW #556

* Earth Sunday Prayer

* Prayer of the Day --- *O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

A: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Acclamation **"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"** ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to John C: Glory to you, O Lord

* GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's sermon

* Song for the Message

“Sun of My Soul”

The Enduros

* *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: hear our prayer.

* Sharing the Peace

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Special Music

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” OPLC Choir

(Beauty of the Earth Slideshow featuring photos from members of the congregation.)

Offertory

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

*Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

* **Lord's Prayer**

ELW pg. 145

* Communion Distribution

* Communion Blessing

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW #879

* P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find us on

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TODAY'S PSALM:

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.”

Psalm 23:1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Children will be dismissed for Children's Church before the Sermon.

Volunteers Next Week:

Jenny and Heidi

Church contacts:

Pastor Sue Tarkka:

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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

Bobbie Neward, Ellie Huaman, Pr. Kris Ross-meniscus repair surgery Tuesday, Savannah Hulsebus, Bob Allen, Kathy Allen, Matt McPhee, Dylan Dossett, Barbara Latham, Barbara Love-Ross, Daniel Gross, Doug Cox, Tammy Lawson, 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— **Earth Sunday** (Greening of the Cross and Beauty of the Earth)

May 1st — **Women's Bible Study** 7pm Fellowship Hall Contact Jean Stippich for more info.

May 24th—**LifeLine Screening** Register for an appt w/ discounted price @ lisa.social/hc

June 17th-20th—**Scuba VBS** is just around the corner. Get signed up to attend or volunteer.



Use this QR Code for your online giving today

The Mini Food Pantry needs your help staying stocked!!

Urgent Needs: Cereal, Mac n cheese, Flour Tortillas, and Shelf Stable Milk

Please drop items in the box in the Narthex each Sunday. Please note any monetary donations for the OPLC Mini Pantry.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!