

# 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: Lisa Provence

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

\* **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

\* Opening Song "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW #367

\* Prayer of the Day --- *O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21

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

A: The holy Gospel, according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

\* GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's sermon

