

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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OVERLAND PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH



Pastor: Joan Swander
Worship Band: The Enduros
Pianist/Organist: Becky Brantner
Reader: Jenny Cedillo

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Thanksgiving for Baptism

* **Opening Song** "Ever Closer"

P) The Lord be with you. c) **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day -- *O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48 NRSV NT pg. 130

A) The word of the Lord. c) **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6 NRSV NT pg. 241

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P: The holy Gospel, according to John **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

* *GOSPEL READING:* John 15:9-17 NRSV NT pg. 109-110

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's sermon

Sermon

Song for the Message "Heart of Hearts"

* **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

* Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 134

* Benediction

* Announcements

* **Closing Song "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" ELW 708**

* A) Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **c) Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Please join us outside (weather permitting) for
fellowship!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Find us on 

TODAY'S PSALM:

“Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands” – *Psalm 98:4*

Email Pastor Joan at:

jls2024@hotmail.com

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

The Johnson County

Christmas Bureau has a

group of knitters who contribute handmade items to the **HUGS** department for the Christmas store. **H**=hats; **U**=underwear; **G**=gloves; **S**=scarves. Their yarn supply is getting low, so if anyone can contribute yarn of any color or type, that would be appreciated. A tote is in the narthex for the yarn or knitted items. Joe and Jean Stippich will take the donated items to the ICCR office.

In our prayers:

Tommy Wooldridge, Amber Morlan, Dan Morlan, Joanne Thompson, Kent Hollis, Debbie Hollis, Joe Thompson, Lori Barber, Chrisy Mull, the family of Jean Christianson, Covid victims at home and in the hospital

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

May 10: **6:30pm** Council meets

May 19: **7:00pm** Join us for an outdoor **Bible Study!** Just bring a bible and a lawn chair. Also don't forget to bring a mask in case we need to go indoors if the weather gets bad.

ALSO...

Jesus is at work in the lives of people you already know! How can you join in His mission? We will gather in small groups at the church to learn together and read ***Joining Jesus On His Mission***. Sign up by **May 10** to get your book! Cost is \$13-\$16. The price goes down as we order more books

The **2021 Flower Chart** is now available for sign-up! Please indicate when you would like to give flowers for your special occasion.

*Please help stock the **Mini Food Pantry** by donating any of the following items:*

*Soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pastas, snacks, box dinners, canned meats or tuna, personal hygiene items, mustard, ketchup, mayo.
No glass containers please.*

Please drop off items in the box near the sanctuary entrance. We are always in need of your help. Thank you for your continued support!

Please have any items you would like in the bulletin on the secretary's desk before Tuesday morning.