

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* **Opening Song** "Come As You Are"

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

* Prayer of the Day -- *O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24 NRSV OT pg. 784

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

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 NRSV NT pg. 181

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

* *GOSPEL READING:* Mark 4:26-34 NRSV NT pg. 38

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

Children's sermon

Sermon

Song for the Message "The Seeds of the Kingdom"

* **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

* Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 134

* Benediction

* Announcements

* **Closing Song**

"Walk By Faith"

ELW 635

* A) Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **c) Thanks be to God.**

**Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service to
visit and enjoy a cup of coffee!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Find us on 

TODAY'S PSALM:

"The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon."

-Psalm 92:12

Email Pastor Joan at:

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HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Job 38:1-11

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

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

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Join us in the fellowship hall after the service.



In our prayers:

Tommy Wooldridge, Amber Morlan, Dan Morlan, Joanne Thompson, Kent Hollis, Debbie Hollis, Joe Thompson, Lori Barber, Chrisy Mull, Nancy West, 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.

The Altar flowers for today are given to glory of God in memory of Mary Swander's 92nd birthday by Pastor Joan Swander and Carol Schneider

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Aboard! The Rocky Railway VBS Express is coming to OPLC **June 14-18!** Each fun-filled night will be from 5:30pm-8:30pm and dinner will be provided! Children K-5th grade are invited to come and enjoy all the songs, games, crafts, and interactive Bible stories that VBS has to offer! See **Amber Morlan** or contact **Tammi Nevins** at nevins.tammi@gmail.com or (913) 636-6268 for volunteer and registration info.

OPLC will celebrate graduations this month. If you have graduates in your family (HS or college or other) please contact a council member or Pastor Joan. Refreshments following worship on the patio. Please provide their name, your name, name of school, and plans following graduation.

Thanks again for parking out front! People can see we are back!

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.