

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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March 19, 2023



*"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 that our door is always open to you. We welcome all our guests. If you are visiting today, **please don't forget to 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: Juan Huaman

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* **Confession and Forgiveness**

* Gathering Hymn

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

The Enduros

* Prayer of the Day --- *Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.* **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 5:8-14

A: The holy Gospel, according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* GOSPEL READING:

John 9:1-41

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn for the Message **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”** ELW #779

*** 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: receive our prayer.**

* Sharing the Peace **C: And also, with you.**

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory **“O God, You Search Me”**

OPLC Choir

*Offertory Prayer

* **Lord's Prayer** **ELW pg. 145**

* **Communion Distribution**

* **Communion Blessing**

* **Benediction**

* Sending Hymn **“Be Though My Vision”** ELW #793

* P: Go in peace. Serve in love. **C: Thanks be to God**

***- Denotes a time to stand during service. Please stand as you are able.**

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.



Find us on

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TODAY'S PSALM:

“You anoint my head with oil”
Psalm 23:5

Church contact:

Pastor Sue Tarkka:

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In our prayers

Mark Shipperite, Ron's sister Paula, Heather Fong, David Keller, Kathy Lynn Hodgson, Betty Matthews, Dylan Dossett, Don Mott, Amber Morlan, Dan Morlan, Joanne Thompson, Chrissy Mull, Nancy West, Melinda Lickteig, Heidi Sloan's friend Chip, Brandi Carlisle, John Rhinehart, Helen Hunt, Nicole Rosinski's father, Ramon Jones, Jeff Herman and Shirley Widow, Nancy Paige, Jallu Tarkka, the students, staff, and families of Mrs. Heather Croucher

Please notify the office regarding any prayer requests and updates.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available.

Please see an usher for assistance.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

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.

Pet Supply Collection-

Check the table in the Narthex for a list of needed supplies.

Children's ministry is collecting pet supplies for the month of March. Items benefit Melissa's Second Chances and Angel Hearts Rescue Inc.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

TODAY- Dwelling in the Word - 10 Questions
10:45AM Classroom off Parish Hall.

March 22nd - **Lenten Meal @ 6PM** (Spaghetti Casserole)
Please bring a dessert and/or donate to free will offering to help cover cost of supplies.

Holden Evening Prayer @ 7PM

March 31st- **LifeLine Screening** in Parish Hall

April 6th- **Maundy Thursday Seder Meal @ 6:30 PM**

Sign up to volunteer to serve lunch at Gathering Table.
There are 4 Saturday date options. Sign up at the Volunteer Station by the Mailboxes. Contact Juan & Lea Huaman for more information.

The **Mini Food Pantry** needs your help staying stocked!!

Urgent Needs: Soups, peanut butter, bagged rice, bagged beans, tortillas

Please drop items in the grocery cart in the Narthex each Sunday.

We also accept monetary gifts. Please note as a donation for the OPLC Mini Pantry. Thank you for supporting