

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**September 17, 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 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: Dan Mott

**In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

\* Gathering Song "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ELW #774

\* Prayer of the Day --- **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*FIRST READING* Genesis 50:15-21

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING* Romans 14:1-12

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

\* *GOSPEL READING:* Matthew 18:21-35

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's sermon

Sermon

\* **Confession and Forgiveness**

\* Hymn for the Message

“The Forgiveness Waltz”

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

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

OPLC Choir

\* Offertory Prayer

\* **Lord's Prayer**

\* Communion Distribution

\* Communion Blessing

\* Benediction

\* Sending Hymn

“We Are Called”

ELW #720

\* P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**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.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### TODAY'S PSALM:

“LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.”

Psalm 103:8

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### HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

are available.

Please see an usher for assistance.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Jonah 3:10—4:11**

**Philemon 1:21-30**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

### 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

Hazel Messer, Louie Tremonti, Elizabeth Leach, Kaila Bolton, Dan Mott, Jamie Malone Stair, Todd Eaton, James Cox, David Keller, Dylan Dossett, Don Mott, Dan Morlan, Joanne Thompson, Chrissy Mull, Nancy West, Jesse Crump, Melinda Lickteig, Brandi Carlisle, John Rhinehart, Helen Hunt, Jeff Herman, Graeme McCrosson, Alena and Atom Pidgeon

*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\*\*

TODAY—**Coffee with the Council** -

10:45AM Classroom off Parish Hall.

September 20<sup>th</sup>—**OPLC @ Sporting KC Game**

6PM Please Sign Up on the clipboard if you plan to come or would like a ticket.

September 24<sup>th</sup>-- **New Member Welcome**

October 4<sup>th</sup>-- **Women's Bible Study**

**\* Please check your entry on the “Copy” of the New Church Directory and make any necessary edits. The New OPLC Directory will come out at the end of the month. \***

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

*Urgent Needs: Canned tomatoes, Chili w/beans, Soups-hearty, Packaged Crackers, and Canned meat*

Please drop items in the box in the Narthex each Sunday.

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

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!