

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**November 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 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

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements

\* **Confession and Forgiveness**

\* Gathering Song "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes" The Enduros

\* Prayer of the Day --- **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*FIRST READING* Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A: Word of God, Word of Life **C: Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

\* *GOSPEL READING:* Matthew 25:14-30

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's sermon

Sermon

\* Song for the Message      **“We Are an Offering”** (Sung 2x)      ELW #692

\* *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

Offertory      **“Steal Away”**      OPLC Choir  
\* Offertory Prayer

\* **Lord's Prayer**      ELW pg. 145

- \* Communion Distribution
- \* Communion Blessing
- \* Benediction
- \* Sending Hymn

**“On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand”**      ELW #437

\* P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.      **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.

**HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available. Please see an usher for assistance.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find us on

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**TODAY'S PSALM:**

“So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46**

**Children will be dismissed for Children's Church before the Sermon.**

Thank you to our volunteers,  
Cindy A. and Karen B.  
**Volunteers Next Week:**  
Cindy A. and Heidi H.

Church contacts:

**Pastor Sue Tarkka:**  
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**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**

Robin Tremonti, Peter and Victoria Barnick, Fran Hall, Louie Tremonti, Dan Mott, Todd Eaton, Don Mott, Dan Morlan, Chrissy Mull, Nancy West, Melinda Lickteig, 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—**Food Kit Service Project** 10:30 am  
Parish Hall. We will be putting together kits for the Mini Pantry.

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>- **Thanksgiving Observed (Offices Closed)**



Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>- **Choir Practice** 6pm Choir Loft

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>- **Hanging of the Greens** 10am  
Lunch Provided.

**November Gift Collection**- benefits the Johnson County Christmas Bureau Christmas Store.  
**Last week to collect!!** There is a list of suggestions in the Narthex. Please bring any new, unwrapped gift by November 28th. See Jean Stippich with any ?s



Watch for information coming soon for **Holiday Hope (Reverse Advent Calendar)** to help stock the Mini Pantry to serve the food insecure families in our community.