

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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November 26, 2023



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Worship Band: The Enduros
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Reader: Jennifer Pruter

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* Gathering Song "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW #855

* Prayer of the Day --- O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

* GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's sermon

Sermon

"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.

* Song for the Message **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** ELW #502

* *Apostles' Creed (Sung)*

* The Prayers **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory “Blessing and Honor” OPLC Choir

* Offertory Prayer

* **Lord’s Prayer** ELW pg. 145

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn **“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”** ELW #536

* 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

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TODAY'S PSALM:

“We are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.”

Psalm 95:7

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church before the Sermon.

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

Church contacts:

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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

Ossi Tarkka, Beck Dobbs, 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-- **Dwelling in the Word Bible Study** - 10:45AM Classroom off Parish Hall.

Nov. 29th- **Choir Practice** 6pm Choir Loft

Dec. 2nd- **Hanging of the Greens** 10am
Lunch Provided.

Dec. 5th- **Women’s Holiday Fellowship** 6:30pm @ Marian Glimpse’s Home

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



Holiday Hope (Reverse Advent Calendar) will begin on December 1st. Each day add the “Item of the Day” to your box and bring the box to the Christmas Eve service. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex for more information.